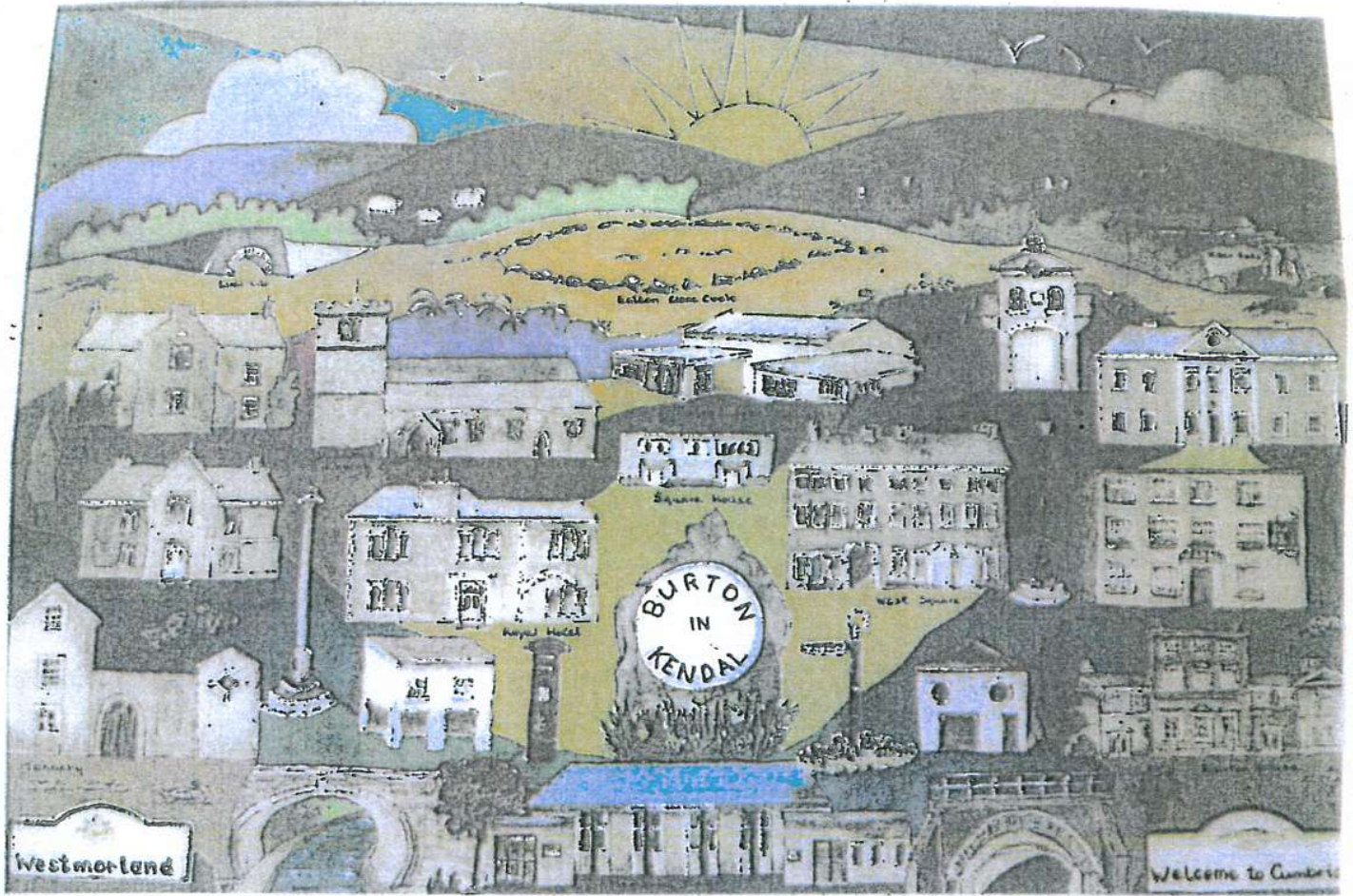


Welcome to Burton-in-Kendal



Welcome to Burton in Kendal

We would like to take this opportunity to welcome you to your new home.

We are pleased that you have chosen the beautiful village of Burton-in-Kendal as your home and look forward to welcoming you and your family into local services and to local events.

In this pack we have included some of the key information on local services, from where you can be signposted to local clubs, events and activities.

All local services are here for you, to help meet any need that you may have and to support you with settling into your new home.

We wish you all the very best and look forward to meeting you soon.

The services mentioned within this welcome pack come in the following order, with their key contacts also listed:

- 1) Burton Memorial Hall (Chair) Anne Nichols – 01524 781306
(Bookings) Helen Dawson – 01524 782277
bmh.bookings@burtonweb.org.uk
- 2) Burton Morewood School (Head) Richard Wilson – 01524 781627
- 3) Burton News (Editors) Fiona Thexton and Matthew Scott
burtonnewseditor@gmail.com
- 4) Burton-in-Kendal Parish Council (Clerk) Christine Davidson – 01524 782694
parish.clerk@burton-in-kendal-pc.gov.uk
- 5) Burton Village Store Gill and Akis – 01524 781828
- 6) St James' Church (Vicar) Graham Burrows – 07740 622962

BURTON MEMORIAL HALL

Main Street, Burton LA6 1NA

Rooms:

Spacious Main Hall with Ceiling Lights and Side Lights, Hearing Loop, Stage, Small Kitchen with Built-In Oven, Microwave, Twin Ring Induction Hob, Hot Water Urns, Kettles, 2 Fridges, Crockery, Cutlery, Wine Glasses & Tumblers, Plastic Crockery & Cutlery for Children's Parties, Under-5s Toilets.

Reception Room with Hearing Loop, Projection Screen, Large Kitchen with Built-In Double Oven, Four Ring Induction Hob, Microwave, Fridge, Hot Water Urns, Kettles, Crockery, Cutlery, Glasses.

Club Room with Kettle, Counter Top Fridge, Mugs.

Other Facilities:

Digital Projector	Disabled Toilet
Sound Speaker	2 x Disabled Parking Bays
10 x Wooden Chairs with Arms	2 x Baby Change
130 x Folding Chairs	Level Access
18 x Small Tables	Soft Play Surface behind Main Hall
28 Large Tables	Large Car Park
Premises Licence With Alcohol	B4RN Hyperfast Wifi Internet Access

Booking Enquiries:

To enquire about room hire costs or to book the hall for an event or party contact the bookings manager Mrs Helen Dawson by email at bmh.bookings@burtonweb.org.uk or by phone on 01524 782277. See us online at www.burtonweb.org.uk/bmh

Burton Morewood CE Primary Academy & Nursery

Main Street • Burton-in-Kendal • LA6 1ND

01524 781627 • admin@burtonmorewood.cumbria.sch.uk

Head Teacher: Mr Richard Wilson • Business Manager: Mrs Helen Derrick



Welcome to your new home and to the village of Burton-in-Kendal!

It is with great pleasure that I introduce your local school to you. At Burton Morewood we take children from ages 2-11 and have a recent 'Good' rating by Ofsted (January 2023).

Choosing a school for your child is a very important decision and we hope that what you see on our website and read in this pack will give you some insight into what makes Burton Morewood such a special place to be. Our team of teaching and support staff, school governors, parents and community all work together for the benefit of all our children.

We are determined to create an inclusive culture of learning where all children will be challenged in their thinking, achieve and strive to become lifelong learners. We do this by providing a learning environment that; is stimulating and challenging, has a broad and balanced curriculum and enables each child to develop in their own unique way.

If you would like to arrange to come and look around then please do not hesitate to get in touch – we'd be delighted to show you what we do!

Richard Wilson

Head Teacher



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Nursery Information

Session fees

3 and 4-year old's (3 hours) £13.50

2-year-old (3 hours) £15.00

Lunch (1/2 Hour) £1.50

Hot Meal provided by school £2.10



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Dear Parents/Carers,

RE: OFSTED INSPECTION OUTCOME

Thank you for all your support during our Ofsted Inspection on the 11th & 12th January.

Our report has now been published and I am delighted to inform you that school has been graded as 'Good' across all judgements.

Overall effectiveness	Good
The quality of education	Good
Behaviour and attitudes	Good
Personal development	Good
Leadership and management	Good
Early years provision	Good

A huge thank you must go to the staff, not only for the time during the inspection, but for all of their hard work and dedication that, combined with the achievements of the whole school community, led to this successful outcome.

Thank you to everyone who spoke to one of the inspection team and/or completed the parent survey. I would also like to thank and congratulate our incredible children. Many of whom had significant involvement during the inspection. Children from across school were interviewed about their lessons; asked about their views of what life is like at school; shared their reading and work with inspectors. Children were also observed engaging in lessons; interacting appropriately during social times on the playground and their work across the curriculum was carefully scrutinised. They were all amazing ambassadors for our school and talked so enthusiastically to our visitors. The inspection also involved interviews with the staff; lesson observations; and discussions with governors, and a representative from Carlisle Diocese.



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As well as the report, which I hope you will take a moment to read, the Inspectors also fed back verbally to Senior Leaders and Governors about many positive aspects of life in school. These included the following comments:

- The children were delightful and thought carefully about the questions.
- Behaviour is positive between children and adults. This is consistent across the school.
- There is appropriate modelling (teaching) by adults.
- Adults have high expectations for all pupils.
- Our children know how to study (learn).
- The school Curriculum is ambitious, well sequenced and shows clear progression.
- Christian Values work well, with rewards that children like.
- Leadership of SEND is strong, proactive and early interventions made.
- In Early Years, 'Floor books' show a wealth of exciting experiences and Parents welcome 'Tapestry' as they feel a part of their child's learning.
- Teacher subject knowledge addresses misconceptions well.
- Classrooms are well stocked with relevant libraries.
- There was a high percentage of parental responses on 'Parent View'. A school of our size may normally receive 12-16 replies in the 'free text' space. We received 50, of which 44 were positive and 2 were neutral. Of the 4 negative comments there was no 'common thread' joining these comments. This shows the strength of support for the school.

In addition to the given gradings, we were delighted that the children's Personal Development was described as a "Very, very, strong good" and the inspectors verbally identified only one small area for the school to adapt to make this 'Outstanding'. All of our extra-curricular clubs/offers were enthusiastically welcomed.

We will be working in the coming weeks and months to address the two areas for improvement from within the report. We have queried the comment about there being 'no responses to the pupil survey', as we know of children/families that completed this.

Again, thank you to the whole school community for contributing towards our success.

Richard Wilson
Head Teacher



SCHOOL
MEMBER



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Inspection of Burton Morewood C of E Primary School

Main Street, Burton-in-Kendal, Carnforth, Lancashire LA6 1ND

Inspection dates: 11 and 12 January 2023

Overall effectiveness	Good
The quality of education	Good
Behaviour and attitudes	Good
Personal development	Good
Leadership and management	Good
Early years provision	Good
Previous inspection grade	Requires improvement

What is it like to attend this school?

Pupils enjoy attending Burton Morewood school. They told inspectors that poor behaviour and bullying are rare. Pupils explained that when behaviour is poor, adults deal with it so that it is not repeated. Around the school, pupils demonstrate positive behaviours. This starts with children in the provision for two-year-olds.

Children in the early years and pupils in key stages 1 and 2 work hard to live up to leaders' high expectations. They achieve well.

Relationships between adults and pupils are strong. This supports pupils to feel safe in school. Pupils said that adults listen and respond to their worries. Leaders take effective action to deal with any incidents of bullying, should they occur.

Leaders ensure that pupils have many opportunities to engage in a wide range of curriculum enrichment experiences. Pupils learn how to look after their physical and mental health through a range of exciting outdoor activities. Pupils really enjoy their regular ski lessons as part of their physical education curriculum. Trips and visits are carefully planned to broaden pupils' opportunities to learn about life in modern Britain. Older pupils take on a range of leadership positions, for example the school council, the eco-council and the pupil parliament.

What does the school do well and what does it need to do better?

The school curriculum is ambitious and well designed. It builds on the skills and knowledge children acquire in the early years. Leaders set out learning well so that teachers deliver new content logically. Leaders have made some recent changes to the curriculum and these are embedding. Leaders, including governors, are at an early stage in checking on the impact of these curriculum changes on pupils' outcomes.

In lessons, teachers make regular checks on how well pupils are learning. They use these checks to identify when pupils need additional help to keep up with their learning.

Leaders have strengthened the curriculum for phonics and early reading. Teachers plan lessons that introduce new sounds systematically. In phonics lessons, pupils regularly recap on all the sounds they know. In the early years, staff read exciting stories to the children to develop their listening skills. Adults skilfully support younger children, including two-year-olds, to say sounds accurately. Those who fall behind with their phonics get the support that they need to catch up quickly. Sometimes, the books that children in the early years and pupils in key stage 1 take home to read are too hard. This hinders the rate at which they develop their reading accuracy and fluency.

In lessons, pupils behave well. Pupils listen to what adults have to say and try their best. Pupils are rarely disrupted in lessons. This enables them to get on with their learning. Children in the early years, including those in the provision for two-year-olds, very quickly learn skills of independence, for example getting themselves changed into their wet weather clothes.

Pupils with special educational needs and/or disabilities (SEND) achieve well. Leaders make sure that appropriate support is given to those pupils who require it. Leaders have well-tested systems in place to identify additional needs at the earliest opportunity. Leaders work with specialist agencies to make sure that pupils get the help that they need in a timely manner.

Leaders make sure that pupils learn about life beyond the Lake District. Teachers plan opportunities for pupils to learn about national and global issues. Pupils learn to respect and support those less fortunate than themselves. For example, pupils, including disadvantaged pupils and those with SEND, engage in fundraising for local charities. Older pupils regularly visit a local care home to sing and read to the residents. Furthermore, pupils have collected donations for the local foodbank. They have sponsored a school in a refugee camp in Uganda. Pupils know to treat everyone with respect, regardless of their faith, gender or beliefs.

Pupils who leave Burton Morewood school at the end of Year 6 are well-prepared for the next stage of their education.

The governing body knows the school well. Governors find out for themselves how well the school is performing. Staff who work at the school said that leaders are considerate of their well-being and their workload when making decisions.

Safeguarding

The arrangements for safeguarding are effective.

Leaders make careful checks on all adults who work in school. They ensure that all staff receive regular training to keep their safeguarding knowledge up to date. Staff know how to spot signs that may indicate harm or neglect. Staff know how to record and pass on their safeguarding concerns to senior leaders.

Those responsible for safeguarding document their concerns carefully. They follow up concerns, ensuring that work with external partners is detailed and thorough.

Pupils learn about how to keep safe on country and busy roads. They also learn about some of the potential dangers of using social media and playing online games.

What does the school need to do to improve?

(Information for the school and appropriate authority)

- Where adaptations have been made to the curriculum, leaders do not routinely make checks on the impact of any changes. Leaders must ensure that adaptations to the curriculum are having a positive impact on pupils' outcomes. Doing so will enable leaders at all levels to have a better understanding of the overall quality of education in the school.
- Sometimes, children in the early years and pupils at the early stages of reading in keys stages 1 and 2 have reading books that are too challenging. Where this is the case, pupils have fewer opportunities to practise their phonics knowledge and develop fluency. Leaders must ensure that pupils at the earliest stages of reading have reading books which are closely matched to the phonics that they know.

How can I feed back my views?

You can use [Ofsted Parent View](#) to give Ofsted your opinion on your child's school, or to find out what other parents and carers think. We use information from Ofsted Parent View when deciding which schools to inspect, when to inspect them and as part of their inspection.

The Department for Education has further [guidance](#) on how to complain about a school.

Further information

You can search for [published performance information](#) about the school.

In the report, '[disadvantaged pupils](#)' refers to those pupils who attract government pupil premium funding: pupils claiming free school meals at any point in the last six years and pupils in care or who left care through adoption or another formal route.

School details

Unique reference number	137537
Local authority	Cumbria
Inspection number	10256079
Type of school	Primary
School category	Academy converter
Age range of pupils	2 to 11
Gender of pupils	Mixed
Number of pupils on the school roll	160
Appropriate authority	Board of trustees
Chair	Michael Fishwick
Headteacher	Richard Wilson
Website	www.burtonmorewood.cumbria.sch.uk
Date of previous inspection	20 and 21 March 2019, under section 5 of the Education Act 2005

Information about this school

- Burton Morewood Primary School is a single-school academy.
- The school is part of the Diocese of Carlisle. The most recent section 48 inspection of the school took place in February 2020.
- There have been several changes to the membership of the governing body since the last inspection.
- The school has provision for two-year-old children.
- Leaders do not make use of alternative provision.

Information about this inspection

The inspectors carried out this graded inspection under section 5 of the Education Act 2005.

- This was the first routine inspection the school received since the COVID-19 pandemic began. Inspectors discussed the impact of the pandemic with leaders and have taken that into account in their evaluation of the school.

- The inspectors met with the headteacher and members of the senior leadership team. The lead inspector had a telephone conversation with the chair of the board of trustees and a representative of the Diocese of Carlisle.
- The lead inspector met with five members of the local governing body, including the chair of governors.
- Inspectors carried out deep dives in early reading and phonics, mathematics and geography. Inspectors spoke with the staff who lead these subject areas. They visited lessons, spoke to pupils, viewed examples of pupils' work and spoke with teachers.
- Inspectors spoke with parents and carers before school to gather their views and opinions of the school. Inspectors considered the responses to Ofsted Parent View, including the free-text responses. They considered the responses to the Ofsted staff survey. There were no responses to the pupil survey.
- Inspectors observed children in the early years and pupils in key stages 1 and 2 read with trusted adults.
- Inspectors observed pupils' behaviour in lessons and at playtimes.
- Inspectors checked a wide range of safeguarding documentation. They spoke with staff to check their knowledge of safeguarding procedures. Inspectors spoke with staff to gather their views about workload and well-being.

Inspection team

John Donald, lead inspector	Ofsted Inspector
Gill Burrow	Ofsted Inspector

Help With Fees

Funded 2, 3 And 4 year old places

Some 2 year olds and all three and four year old children are entitled to Early Years funded sessions through the Free Early Years Education grant. There are currently up to **15 Hours FREE** Early Years entitlement per week for 2 year olds and up to **30 Hours FREE** Early Years entitlement per week for 3 and 4 year olds, across 38 weeks of the year.

When can I access free hours for my child?

Children will receive the free provision from the term after their third birthday as follows:

A child born on or between 1st April and 31st August – Eligible at the beginning of the Autumn term

A child born on or between 1st September and 31st December – Eligible at the beginning of the Spring Term

A child born on or between 1st January and 31st March – Eligible at the beginning of the Summer Term

Funded 2 year old places

We also offer places for 2 year olds to access the free early education sessions. Please note this funding is available if you meet the criteria set out by the Local Authority. To check your eligibility please use the link below.

<https://www.cumbria.gov.uk/childrenservices/childrenandfamilies/childrenandfamilies.asp> for information on eligible criteria:

Help from employers – ‘Childcare Vouchers’

Childcare Vouchers are a great way for employers to give working parents help with dependent children. They can help you find quality childcare to suit the needs of your family – and, because you don't pay tax or National Insurance on Childcare Vouchers, you can **save about £1,000 per year**. Don't worry if your employer's not registered with a voucher company, there are several to choose from e.g. Edenred, Computershare, Fideliti, Kiddivoucher.

<https://www.gov.uk/childcare-calculator> for more information from the Government website.

For more information on childcare and help with childcare costs please visit

<https://www.childcarechoices.gov.uk/>

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*The March Hare from Alice in Wonderland
illustrated by John Tenniel*

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Hello, and a warm welcome to Burton-in-Kendal from all of us at Burton News. We are the team that prepare and deliver your monthly newsletter which aims to contain information about all things village related. You should have already received this latest issue as we aim to have them delivered by the 1st of the month.

The Burton News is delivered 11 times per year (not in January) to every occupied house in the village, probably by one of your neighbours. Please say "Hi" if you see them on their rounds. We are always on the lookout for new and interesting content so do let us know if there is something you would like to talk about. While preference will be given to local events, activities of, and success stories from local people are well received as well.

There is a space for readers letters. You can use this to say thank you, let us know about important life events or to ask about village amenities. There will always be someone who can answer your questions.

As the newsletter is distributed to every household, it is also a great place to advertise local services: dog walking, hairdressing, building and decorating as examples. Please contact the editors for our, very reasonable, advertisement costs.

The newsletter is funded partly by these advertisement fees but mainly through an annual donation drive. If you enjoy your newsletter, we hope you will be able to make a small annual donation to help us keep going. A donation envelope is normally included in the May edition and can be dropped into the village shop. You can contact the editors if you prefer other methods of donating to us.

Finally, the newsletters and all back issues are also available online at www.burtonnews.org.uk.

Contact details: burtonnewseditor@gmail.com

On the reverse is a list of clubs and societies available to you locally.



Burton, Holme, & District Local History

A year round programme of interesting indoor talks & visits
Chair & Programme Secretary: kathhayhurst84@gmail.com or 01524 781613
<http://localhistory.burtonweb.org.uk>



Burton in Kendal Art & Craft Society

Craft Group 2nd Monday of the month.
Art Group most Fridays
Workshop or Demonstration most months
Chair: kathhayhurst84@gmail.com or Tel 01524 781613
www.burton-in-kendalartandcraft.weebly.com



Burton Womens Institute

Meetings held at Burton Memorial Hall on 2nd Thursday each month (except August & September).
To join contact Helena Nixon on 01524 781048



Burton Singers

A community choir based in Burton.
If you would like to join us then please contact Val Still on 07799 245415



Burton Fellwalkers

At least 3 walks per month - of different grades. New members always welcome. To join please contact our Secretary: Sarah Walker 01524 923528
website: <http://fellwalkers.burtonweb.org.uk>



Burton Memorial Hall

Burton Memorial Hall provides for a wide range of groups and societies and is available for private hire. There are several rooms available. Full details on our website: <https://bmh.burtonweb.org.uk/> where a form can be found to request bookings, via our Bookings Manager.



Burton in Kendal Sports & Recreation Trust (MUGA)

The Trust manages the sports facilities at the MUGA and run a variety of sports and entertainment events for village children through the year. Competitive hourly rates for MUGA hire. Contact via our website <https://www.burtonmuga.co.uk/home> or see posts on Burton Westmorland Facebook group.



Burton Book Drop & Coffee Morning

A free library service provided by Cumbria County Council Library services. Run by volunteers. Twice a month from 10.00 to 11.00 a.m 1st Monday in the month with coffee morning. 3rd Monday is a book drop only. You need a Cumbria library card to use the book drop but everyone is welcome at the coffee mornings.



Monthly Lunch

Age UK host a monthly lunch at the King's Arms on the 2nd Wednesday of each month (subject to availability). New attendees always welcome. To register interest please telephone their office on 01539 728118.



Burton Swifts Group

Meets weekly from early May to mid- August each Thursday evening at 8.30pm
For info contact Reg Hesketh at rhofb@outlook.com



Scottish Country Dance Group

Meets at Storth Village Hall on Tuesdays 7.30pm to 9.30pm. Classes start 13th September. Beginners welcome. Contact Ainslie Dunnett on 07708 654390 ainslie.dunnett@btinternet.com or Pauline Hampson on 07706 697306 paulinehampson2016@gmail.com



Burton Bowling Club

Club night each Monday at 6.30pm at green during season. Enquiries to Treasurer Eunice Jamieson on 07307200648



Ladies Badminton

Every Tuesday in Burton Memorial Hall 1.30pm to 2.30pm
If you would like to join please contact Sue Humphreys 01524 781596, or just turn up! £2 per session



Table Tennis Club

Adults & Juniors meetings at Burton Memorial Hall Thursday evenings - Autumn to Spring each year
Enquiries to Martin on 07740 933463.



Pickle Ball

A game for everyone, whatever age or stage of life.
Mondays at BMH 10am to 12 Noon and 7.45pm to 8.45pm.
Contact Jeanie Christian for more info on 07967 940818



Pilates Classes

Tuesday Evening 18:30 at Burton Morewood School
Wednesday Morning 10.30 at Burton Memorial Hall
For details contact Kym Walton 07721408088
Email: kymwalton@hotmail.com or see Fitness Friends with Kym on Facebook.



Circuit Training + HIIT

Mon 6:30pm / Fri 6.15pm Burton Memorial Hall
Wed 7pm Burton Morewood School
Contact: John 01524 781707



Fusion Fitness

Weekly fitness sessions - new clients welcome
Thursday 9.30am at Burton Memorial Hall
Contact details: Jan Abbott
Home phone 782429 Mobile 07479 524524
e-mail: janabbott9553@gmail.com



Milnthorpe Angling Association

Fly fishing on the River Bela & environs. For membership information please contact: John McKay, tel 07704 265953
e-mail milnthorpeaa@hotmail.com

St James Church, Burton-in-Kendal

is on the main road heading out of the village towards the north. There is some parking available in the churchyard – just drive through the main gateway. The church is open to visitors every Friday and Saturday, 10am – 4pm. You are welcome to look around or to use the quiet to think or pray.

Welcome!

As the minister of the parishes of Burton and Holme, greetings! You will be very welcome at any of our services, groups or events.



We aim to be friendly church families who make it easy for new people to join us or just to come along and see what we are about.

If you've got questions or you'd like to talk to me about anything then do get in touch; I'm not too busy to phone you or visit you. Likewise if you would like to talk about funerals, baptisms (christenings), or weddings.

I look forward to meeting you.

Graham Burrows

Sunday Services 11am

Some weeks both congregations meet together at 10am instead, in either Holme or Burton. Check the 'Coming Up' diary on our church website for more info.

We are delighted to welcome babies and children and we love hearing them in our services as people of all ages come together to worship God. We have toys and other activity materials available. Our church is equipped with a toilet with baby-change table, and a room which parents and children can use when they need a break from the service. Our families support team is available to help as needed and to offer an activity for children during part of the service.

We take safeguarding seriously and our families support team has been cleared for work with children.

Children and Families

Our regular Lego Builders events, Easter activities and Nativity plays are some of the events and special services that we run for families.

You can sign up on our church website to receive emails about all these direct to your inbox.



Just scan this:

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Hilderstone Farmhouse, Hilderstone Lane, Burton-in-Kendal, LA5 9RR

Telephone: 01524 782694

parish.clerk@burton-in-kendal-pc.gov.uk

Dear Resident,

Welcome to Burton-in-Kendal. I am Christine Davidson and I am the Parish Clerk for Burton-in-Kendal Parish Council. I have attached some information about what your Parish Council does.

There is lots of information on the website including Parish Councillors names and contact details.

The Parish Council meets every third Thursday of the month in The Memorial Hall. Everyone is welcome to come along to the meetings.

Do please get in touch if you have any questions.

Looking forward to meeting you soon,

Christine Davidson

What is a Parish Council?

A parish council is a local authority that makes decisions on behalf of the people in the parish and has an overall responsibility for the well-being of its local community. It is the level government closest to the community, with the district authority above it in the hierarchy. As it is the authority closest to the people, parish councils are invariably the first place people will go with concerns or ideas. For this reason they are a vital part of any community.

Its work falls into three main categories:

- representing the local community
- delivering services to meet local needs
- striving to improve quality of life in the parish

What decisions do Parish Councils make?

Parish councils make all kinds of decisions on issues that affect the local community. Probably the most common topics that parish councils get involved with are planning matters (they are statutory consultees), crime prevention, helping local groups, managing open spaces and campaigning for and delivering better services and facilities.

It's true to say that on their own, parish councils have limited powers to make decisions. But they do have the ability to negotiate with, and the power to influence, those other organisations that do make the final decisions (such as the borough or unitary council, health authorities, police etc).

In this respect parish councils are extremely powerful. The organisations that make the final decisions know that a parish council gives the best reflection of how a community feels about something, and its views will be taken seriously.

What powers do parish councils have?

They have a wide range of powers which essentially related to local matters, such as looking after community buildings, open space, allotments, play areas, street lighting, bus shelters, car parks and much more. The council also has the power to raise money through taxation, the precept. The precept is the parish council's share of the council tax. The precept demand goes to the billing authority, the district council, which collects the tax for the parish council.

Parish Duties

Burton-in-Kendal Parish Council has 9 Councillors who stand for election every four years. The duties and functions of a parish council are many and varied.

The Council meets monthly and considers planning applications and any other matters referred to it by local residents, newly formed Westmorland and Furness Council (from 1st April) and by central government. All meetings are open to the public and there is a forum during the meeting at which members of the public can raise concerns and ask questions. There is also an annual meeting which all parishioners are invited to attend. This is held in March. All meetings are advertised on the council notice boards and on the website. Residents can bring to the attention of the parish council anything that concerns them, either directly or through the clerk. If matters raised are not the responsibility of the council, the clerk can bring them to the attention of the proper authority.

Why become a Parish Councillor?

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If you've never been to a parish council meeting before, you may be forgiven for thinking that parish councillors are a group of people who meet now and then in a draughty village hall. If, however, you live in a community where something 'big' has happened, you'll know that when people in the community need support and guidance, it is sometimes the parish council that is turned to.

By becoming a parish councillor you become someone your community will look to for help, guidance and support a community leader with the power to influence decisions for the benefit of the people you serve.

Seeing your community change for the better, as a result of decisions you have helped make, is something that can give you a sense of achievement and pride.

How much time does it take up?

Councils usually meet once a month for the council meeting, to which members of the public are also invited. Meetings may last two or three hours, depending on the agenda set for the meeting to discuss. There are some committees to deal with specific subjects, such as budget and finance issues. In addition to the regular meetings, councillors are required to attend other meetings representing the council, for example acting as a representative on an outside body, community activities or helping develop a new project for the community. Such meetings won't happen every day, so it's not going to take over your life.

How long does a parish councillor serve for?

Once elected, parish councillors sit on the council for a maximum of four years. If they then want to stay in the post they can stand for re-election. Many of Burton-in-Kendal Parish Councillors have served for almost 20 years.

Applicants should note that Councillors are expected to attend regular meetings and any additional meetings as may be arranged, and to represent the electors of Burton-in-Kendal in raising and discussing those issues of interest and concern on which the Parish Council is empowered to act.

Am I eligible to be a Parish Councillor?

You have to be:

- a British subject, or a citizen of the Commonwealth or the European Union
- over 18 years of age

Additionally you have to be one of the following

- a local government elector for the council area for which you want to stand
- have during the whole of the 12 months occupied as owner or tenant any land or other premises in the council area or within 3 miles of it for the whole period
- have during that same period had your principal or only place of work in the council area or within 3 miles of it for the whole period.

You cannot stand for election if you

- are subject of a bankruptcy restriction order or interim order.
- have, within five years before the day of the election, been convicted in the United Kingdom of any offence and have had a sentence of imprisonment (whether suspended or not) for a period of over three months without the option of a fine.
- you work for the council you want to become a councillor for (but you can work for other local authorities, including the principal authorities that represent the same area).

You don't have to be connected to a political party.

If you do become a parish councillor you will have to sign up to the Code of Conduct.

Don't take our word for it!

The best way to find out what it's like to be a parish councillor is to talk to someone who's doing it now.

Come along to a parish council meeting, or speak to one of our councillors and find out what they think of the job.

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Welcome to Burton!

Hopefully, you have managed to sail through the unpacking period and have started trying your “village feet” – wobbly? Fear not, we are here to help!

The building that houses the Post Office and Village Store started life many years ago as a three storey family dwelling, became a home for a car mechanic with the obligatory fuel pump nested in the garden next door, a greengrocer’s and a convenience store before welcoming the addition of the Post Office in a never ending reconfiguration and transformation, following the changing needs of the community.

Our square footage is modest but we try to cover as many demands as possible, from the News and Magazines section to Post Office services, Convenience store offerings to Dry Cleaning collection services, from National Lottery tickets to fresh fruit and vegetables and more, even a decent cup of coffee to go!

We can deliver your daily newspaper and receive your Amazon parcel in our hub, we can offer you a very nice tin of Greek olive oil or some sausage and bacon from the very well respected Burrows Butchers of Silverdale, a bottle of wine from our small but eclectic selection or some thread and a needle for an emergency repair. Looking for eco-friendly refillable cleaning products? A birthday card for you favourite sibling? A protractor for your child’s exams? We’ve got you covered!

And of course, we pass information for the village life, advertise local events and small item sales on our digital screens, hold a set of keys for access to the Memorial Hall and have copies of the monthly village Newsletter. Do you want a quick snack? We have sandwiches and a few pies, cream cakes and crumpets, fresh milk and a few brands of yogurt to choose from. Basic medication supplies for pain or a sore throat, a bar of chocolate, a bottle of cordial, all of those items have a place on our shelves.

We are not an Aladdin’s cave, but we are definitely an Aladdin’s cupboard!

We will be happy to answer your questions and hear your suggestions for items you might want that we do not carry at the moment.

We look forward to meeting you & hope you have a fantastic life in our beautiful village!

Alison, James, Lindy, Melissa, Nigel, Pam, Sonya, Sophie, Tracy, Tony,

Akis and Gill

Our Opening Hours are:

The Shop:	Monday to Saturday 06.00 to 17.30	Sunday 07.00 to 12.00
	On Bank Holidays the shop is open 06.00 to 12.00	
The Post Office:	Monday to Friday 09.00 to 17.30	Saturday 09.00 to 12.30
	Closed on Sundays and Bank Holidays	