

BEAUMONT PARISH COUNCIL

Annual Report of Beaumont Parish Council for the Year Ending 31st March 2025

Good evening and welcome to the 2025 Beaumont Annual Parish Meeting. I am pleased to present the Annual Chairperson's report.

Beaumont Parish Council continues to work in partnership with Cumberland Council and special thanks go to our ward Councillor, Mr Trevor Allison for his continued support and financial aid to help make Beaumont a safe and happy community.

I would like to thank Mrs. Irving, Vice Chair of the Council, for her support this year, especially in overseeing the accounts and financial transactions. I would also like to thank all Councillors for their continued support, who have worked so well together, sharing skills and taking responsibility to ensure all tasks have been carried out and deadlines met.

Mr Cleminson and Mr Betts have continued to improve access to local information for parishioners, in a timelier manner, by keeping the Facebook and Instagram accounts up to date and we currently have 85 followers. The WhatsApp group has improved communication between the Councillors to ensure issues are quickly actioned.

Many residents have concerns about the parish boundary as a number of significant urban planning applications have been submitted within the southern and eastern fringe of our Parish. Mr Cleminson has produced and submitted a detailed report proposing that the Beaumont Parish boundary be amended and I would like to thank Mr Cleminson for his hard work.

With the support of Mr Allison, we continue to monitor and report the state of our roads and residents are encouraged to report problems using the online reporting form.

Councillors continue to monitor footpath maintenance, oversee planning applications, liaise with planning officers, and conduct site visits to represent parishioners' concerns.

The Parish Council maintains the Pound in Kirkandrews, which continues to be regularly used by visitors. We would like to thank Michelle Dickinson for her help with the dustbin there and Liz Morton for her help in maintaining the plants.

Speeding continues to be a concern throughout the parish. We have worked with Mr Allison and Highways and now have road markings and signs in Beaumont which has helped to slow the Agricultural traffic. We are continuing to trial speeding stickers for wheelie bins to see if this will help to slow the traffic throughout the parish. We work closely with the Police Community Support Officers to find solutions to combat speeding in the parish and for dealing with anti social behaviour.

Our thanks also go to Albinas Stasaitis who is the local contact for the parish magazine and is also responsible for the parish website which is extremely informative and contains records and photographs of the Parish.

An action for this coming year is to follow the Local Council Award Scheme framework to help Beaumont Parish Council improve and develop and show we are meeting the standards set by the sector.

We are working hard alongside the Parish Hall Committee to support projects within the community and look forward to VE Day celebrations which will take place in May.

Grants were given to Beaumont Parish Hall and the churchyards in Beaumont and Grinsdale towards the cost of grass cutting. The Parish Council is grateful to Chris and Allsion Bolton for maintaining the grass at the Green in Beaumont. A grant is also given towards the cost of the Parish Magazine which continues to be delivered free to all houses in the parish. The Parish Council would like to thank those volunteers who distribute the magazine to every house in the parish.

The Summer Playscheme ran extremely successfully for 6 days in July and August 2024 and was very well attended. We are planning to run a further 6 days in Summer 2025. We would like to thank Burgh by Sands Parish Council for their financial support towards this popular scheme.

The Parish Council provided a Portaloo situated next to Beaumont Parish Hall for the use of all walkers during the 2024 summer walking season and we are planning to do so again for the 2025 season. Thanks to the Parish Hall Trustees for permission to do this and thanks to Mr Cleminson for producing substantial and permanent signs showing where portalooos are sited on Hadrian Wall's Trail within the parish.

The picking up of dog poo continues to be a problem and signs have been put up to remind dog owners to act responsibly and clean up after their dogs.

We would like to thank all parishioners who have raised concerns this past year and we will endeavour to work hard to resolve them. The Parish Council are working on an action plan for the parish plan, and we welcome input from parishioners.

I would like to finish this report by reiterating thanks to our Clerk, Vice Chair and Councillors, for another year of their time and support.

There are currently two Councillor vacancies and we would welcome applications from parishioners who would like to help us make a difference to our community.