



BEAUMONT PARISH COUNCIL ANNUAL REPORT OF BEAUMONT PARISH COUNCIL FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31st MARCH 2026

Good evening and welcome to the 2026 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 Cllr Irving, Vice Chair of the Council, for her support this year, especially in overseeing the accounts. I would also like to thank all Cllrs 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.

We would like to thank all parishioners who have raised concerns this past year and we will endeavour to work hard to resolve them.

Thanks to Burgh by Sands Parish Council for their financial support towards the popular Rural Playscheme in July and August 2025. The scheme is to run for 4 days in August 2026.

I would like to give special thanks to Cllr Cleminson for all his hard work this year. He has continued to steer our Facebook, Instagram and WhatsApp accounts. The Parish Facebook and Instagram sites, continue to flourish. To date we have 127 followers and have made 214 posts. We monitor local Parishes, Cumberland Council and other sites we believe may include useful information worth sharing with our parishioners. (Link to the Parish Plan, 1.03, Enhance holistic methods of communication with parishioners incl electronic options).

As part of Cumberland Council's Community Governance Review, Cllr Cleminson submitted a detailed proposal to amend our boundary line adjacent to Carlisle. An outline of the proposal was briefed and supported by parishioners at a coffee morning and published on the noticeboards. The case was fully supported by our Ward Councillor but sadly Cumberland Council have recently confirmed it has not been included in their wider proposal which has been submitted to Parliament for endorsement. (Link to the Parish Plan, 6.02, Work with planning authorities to monitor the need for proportionate affordable housing).

The road markings and signs in Beaumont helped to slow Agricultural traffic and we continue to work with the Police Community Support Officers to find solutions to combat speeding in the parish. This year Cllr Cleminson worked hard to produce a paper, as part of a review into the Rural Traffic Regulation Order (TRO), outlining the issues and subsequent risks to pedestrians, cyclists and horse riders when using highways within the Parish, of which many are only governed by the National Speed Limit of 60mph. Several proposed Courses of Action were offered in priority order. Mr Allison fully supports our submission and has added his comments to our application. We await a response from the TRO committee. (Link to the Parish Plan, 3.02, Review & develop traffic calming initiatives to address parishioners' concerns).



In October 2025 our website disappeared and the host became uncontactable. This coincided with the introduction of new mandatory data compliance standards regarding Parish & Town websites. Having conducted due diligence to establish a new website host and with the help of Albinas Stasaitis, we now have a new and improved website www.beaumontparishcouncil.gov.uk which is supported by enhanced security features. It has a very useful feature on the homepage which allows people to sign up to email alerts, ensuring parish news, events & planning applications are delivered to your inbox. In addition, all parish Cllrs, clerk and website co-ordinators have gov.uk email accounts to ensure we meet data compliance. These are all contained within the relevant section of the website. (Link to the Parish Plan, 1.03, Enhance holistic methods of communication with parishioners incl electronic options)

The Parish Council has recently endorsed a logo which we believe supports our unique local heritage whilst promoting our identity. An article explaining the background can be found on the website. (Links to Parish Plan 7.01, Heritage Deliverable).

Following the new grants policy, the Parish Council has awarded grants to Burgh by Sands towards the organising of Beaumont and Burgh Fest. Revenue grants were awarded to Beaumont Parish Hall and the Parochial Church Council. A grant is awarded 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 Parish Council provided a Portaloo situated next to Beaumont Parish Hall for the use of all walkers during the 2025 summer walking season and have supported the Hall refurbishment by awarding a grant to provide access to an outside toilet. The Parish Council has also awarded a grant towards the opening event of the newly refurbished Parish Hall.

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.

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.