



Plumbland

PARISH MAGAZINE

Autumn 2026

School News

This term children in year 3,4,5 and 6 visited Samyeling Buddhist Centre at Dumfries. There they learnt about how the temple was set up in 1967 by two Tibetan Buddhist masters. The children found out about the Buddhist faith and had a tour of the temple and centre seeing the prayer wheels, statues, different buildings and having the opportunity to play the instruments within the temple. They also had a ten minute session meditating.

Other activities this term have included children in Reception, Year 1 and 2 taking part in African drumming with ZoZo and our whole school enjoying a puppet assembly from the NISCU puppet team. Our annual Harvest Festival took part at St Cuthbert's Church, where children sung songs, took part in drama, read poems and readings and showed vegetables they had planted and grown with Mr Bowe. We raised money for North Lakes foodbank, a big thank you to everyone who joined us.



Our children in year 5 and 6 have enjoyed their forest school sessions this term. They have built shelters, played team games, made boggarts from clay and toasted marshmallows round the camp fire.

A picture of Plumbland CE School's new starters in Reception 2026, who are Alistair, William and Ethan.

We also welcome Tadiwa into Year 6.

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Plumbland Parish Council

A meeting of the Plumbland Parish Council was held in the Meeting Room at Plumbland Village Hall, Plumbland on Tuesday 1st September 2026 at 7.00pm.

PRESENT: Messrs. A. Rutherford, J. Collins, J. Barber, N. Eilbeck, and D. Finnan.

Also, present: T. Gear (Clerk), and J. Perry (Cumberland Councillor)

Apologies: None

Councillor A. Rutherford in the Chair

APOLOGIES FROM MEMBERS

Apologies were received from G. Bowe (illness) and C. Watson (work)

DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS: None

DISPENSATIONS: None

MINUTES

On the proposal of J. Collins and seconded by D. Finnan it was RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting held on 7th July 2026 be approved and signed as a correct record.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There were no residents present and no matter were raised on their behalf.

CORRESPONDENCE

The following items of correspondence have been received since the last meeting and circulated to members for their information: -.

Various Cumberland Council Newsletters.

CALC News/ May/June

One year to go to the Grand Depart 2027!

Hyperfast GB Community Newsletter – April 2026

Press Release New Chief Officer for CALC Dr. Sian Thornthwaite

Could you share your story? Help inspire the next generation of councillors.

ACT Update – July 2026

NALC Time off for public duties survey

CALC Partner Bulletin Aug 2026

Please Help Promote the Civility & Respect Pledge to Smaller Councils.

Cockermouth Digital Traffic Regulation Orders (D-TROs) – Static & Moving
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CLERKS REPORT

The clerk gave a brief report on matters that had arisen since the last meeting including.

- i) A complaint had been received regarding two manholes that were overflowing in the parish which have been reported to United Utilities.
- ii) There has been a National Salary Award for Clerks
- iii) The council has now been registered with the AGAR Digital Portal
- vi) A thank you email had been received from Wigton Baths

CUMBERLAND COUNCILLOR'S REPORT.

J. Perry addressed the meeting regarding Speed Limits, Potholes and Green Bin collections.

PLANNING MATTERS

(a) Applications for consultation: None

Decisions: None

c) Appeals: None.

(d) Planning related correspondence: None

ACCOUNTS

i) The payment of the following accounts which had been paid since the last meeting were ratified, and the remainder were approved for payment:

Mike Dowling Cont. Ltd	Grass cutting (June)	£519.50
Kestrel Lodge Graphics	Newsletter	£50.00
Unity Bank Trust	Service Charge	£7.00
Village Hall	Room Hire (July)	£10.00
Mike Dowling Cont. Ltd	Grass cutting (July)	£519.50
HMRC	Income Tax (July/August)	£90.05
T Gear	Clerks Account (July/August)	£441.24
Mike Dowling Cont. Ltd	Grass cutting (August)	£519.60
ii) Balances at 1.9.26	Current Account	£2,519.44
	Deposit	£4,418.11

HIGHWAY MATTERS

The chair had reported the poor road markings at the four road ends and the rumble strip.

B5301 UPDATE

The Chair gave a verbal update on B5301.

HIGH CLOSE QUARRY

The Chair reported that there had been no further information on the appeal by Thomas Armstrong Ltd.

CLIMATE CHANGE

There was no new information.

MOOTA QUARRY

There has been no progress on the planning application for which there is a S106 Agreement being negotiated, and the site appears to be mothballed.

GOVERNANCE, TRANSPARENCY AND AGAR CHECKLIST

There are a few policies that need to be approved which will be brought to council in the coming months.

DONATION REQUEST – CITIZENS ADVICE ALLERDALE

A letter has been received from Citizens Advice Allerdale seeking financial support. As the residents of the parish use this service it was agreed to donate £50.00 to this worthy cause.

CHAIRS COMMENTS

The Chair advised that the three Speed Indication Devices need servicing at a cost of £1100.00 (plus VAT), the water leak on B5301 had been repaired, and there would be a delay in next edition of the newsletter until October.

ITEMS FOR THE NEXT MEETING

High Close Quarry

B5301 Update

Condition of styles on the footpaths

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

7.00pm Tuesday 3rd November 2026 in Plumbland Village Hall, Plumbland

HIGH CLOSE QUARRY – LATEST UPDATE

On 3rd July 2026, following the failure in the High Court to overturn the successful Parish Council Working Group legal challenge submitted in May 2023, legal representatives of Thomas Armstrong (Aggregates) Limited made formal application for permission to take their case to the Court of Appeal.

In order for the case to be reviewed by the Court of Appeal a judge must first be appointed to consider the merits of the application from Thomas Armstrong.

The Working Group, I should add without the benefit of advice from a team of specialist barristers, Thomas Armstrong appear to have employed them all, believe the application is totally devoid of merit and firmly maintain that a resumption of quarrying at High Close would be unlawful.

However, the outcome of the Public Inquiry, held in April 2024, was that the Parish Council Working Group legal challenge was upheld by the Planning Inspector appointed by the Secretary of State.

Furthermore, the Honourable Mrs Justice Lieven DBE determined likewise in her judgment following the High Court Judicial Review held in April 2026.

While we continue to face uncertainty as a result of the abject failings of Cumberland Council, and barristers representing Thomas Armstrong continue to get even richer, the application, as of 15th October 2026, as confirmed by the case tracker copied below, has not yet been assigned for determination.

Case Tracker for Civil Appeals

Summary Case Details for CA-2026-001729

Case

Reference: CA-2026-001729

Title: Thomas Armstrong (Aggregates) Limited v The Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government and others

Type: Permission to Appeal

Appeal / Application:

from the order of THE HONOURABLE MRS JUSTICE LIEVEN
Administrative Court and Planning Court, London dated 25-Jun-2026
permission to appeal ..

Hearing Status: N/A

Venue:

Constitution:

Not assigned
Not assigned
Not assigned

Case results:

Track Your Case:

Current Status: Awaiting bundles and/or documents from applicant/applicant's solicitors

Tracking Information:

13-Jul-2026: Letter sent to applicant/solicitor to request bundles and/or documents
09-Jul-2026: Case file passed to Case Management

Last Updated: 15-Oct-2026

Autumn Puzzle Page!

Halloween Word Scramble

Unscramble the Halloween words and write the letters in the boxes. Use the letters in the shaded boxes to form a new word that answers the riddle.

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Q. What is a witch's favorite food?

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The Last Man Inn

Plumbland

Support your local pub

Opening Times

Wednesday 6pm

Friday 6pm

Saturday 1pm

Sunday 1pm

Pool table, TV and a warm friendly
Welcome from Mike to all the Parish awaits!

Cash Only Bar



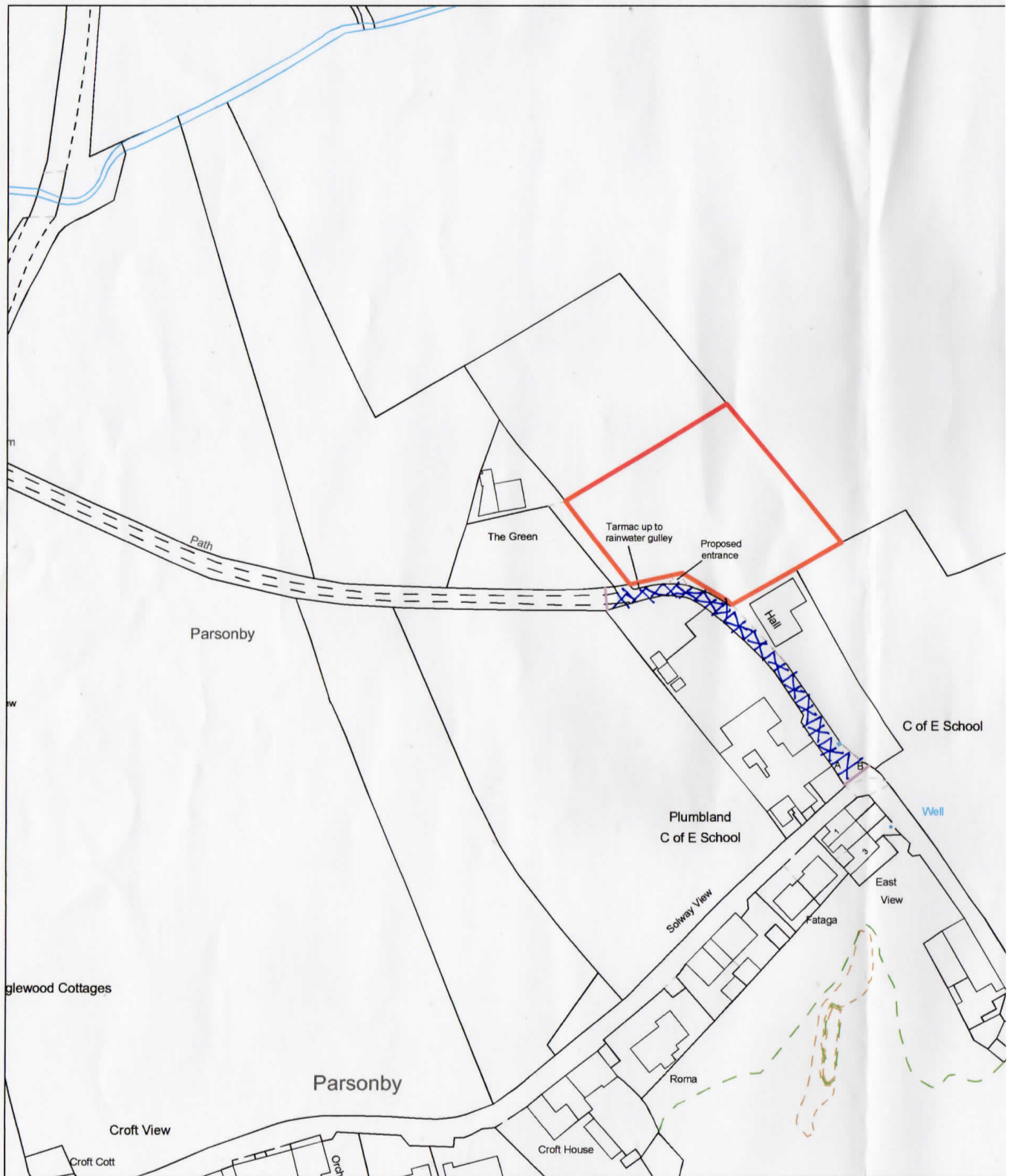
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Monthly Pub Quiz

FIRST Friday of the Month - 8pm

Monthly Bingo

THIRD Friday of the Month - 8pm



Notice of Road Resurfacing Works – adjacent to the School & Village Hall, Parsonby.

Please find attached a map provided by Tony Young, Building Manager for Lattimer Homes, identifying the section of road scheduled for resurfacing. The relevant section is highlighted XXXXX.

Programme of Works: the resurfacing works are scheduled to commence on Monday 26 October 2026 and are expected to take approximately five days to complete.

The works have been subcontracted to D Tolsons & Sons (Tarmac Specialists), who will undertake the resurfacing between 09:00 and 17:00 hours each day, under the supervision of Lattimer Homes.

Access Arrangements: access to the Village Hall car park will be restricted during working hours but will be fully available during the evenings and overnight.

Arrangements are currently being made to maintain access to the two residential properties on The Green. Further information will be provided once these arrangements have been confirmed.

Purpose of the Works: the resurfacing is being undertaken in preparation for the anticipated increase in construction traffic associated with the development of two new dwellings in the field immediately north of the Village Hall.

On completion of these road works: it has been agreed that Cumberland Council Highways will adopt this section of road and therefore, be liable for any future repairs etc.

Lattimer Homes apologises for any inconvenience these works may cause and appreciate your patience and cooperation while they are carried out.

Friends of Plumbland CE School

LOTTERY

August 2026

1st Irene Constable No: 64

2nd Deb Sowerby No: 53

3rd Lesley Sealby No: 03

Prizes for this year's lottery are £25.00, £15.00, £8 respectively; 49% of the profits from the lottery are donated to Plumbland CE School.

For information on how to join the lottery contact Sharon Stephenson on 01697 320628.

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LOTTERY

September 2026

1st Henry Stephenson No: 58

2nd Collette Thwaites No: 43

3rd Abel Robinson Brown No: 63

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Remembrance Day

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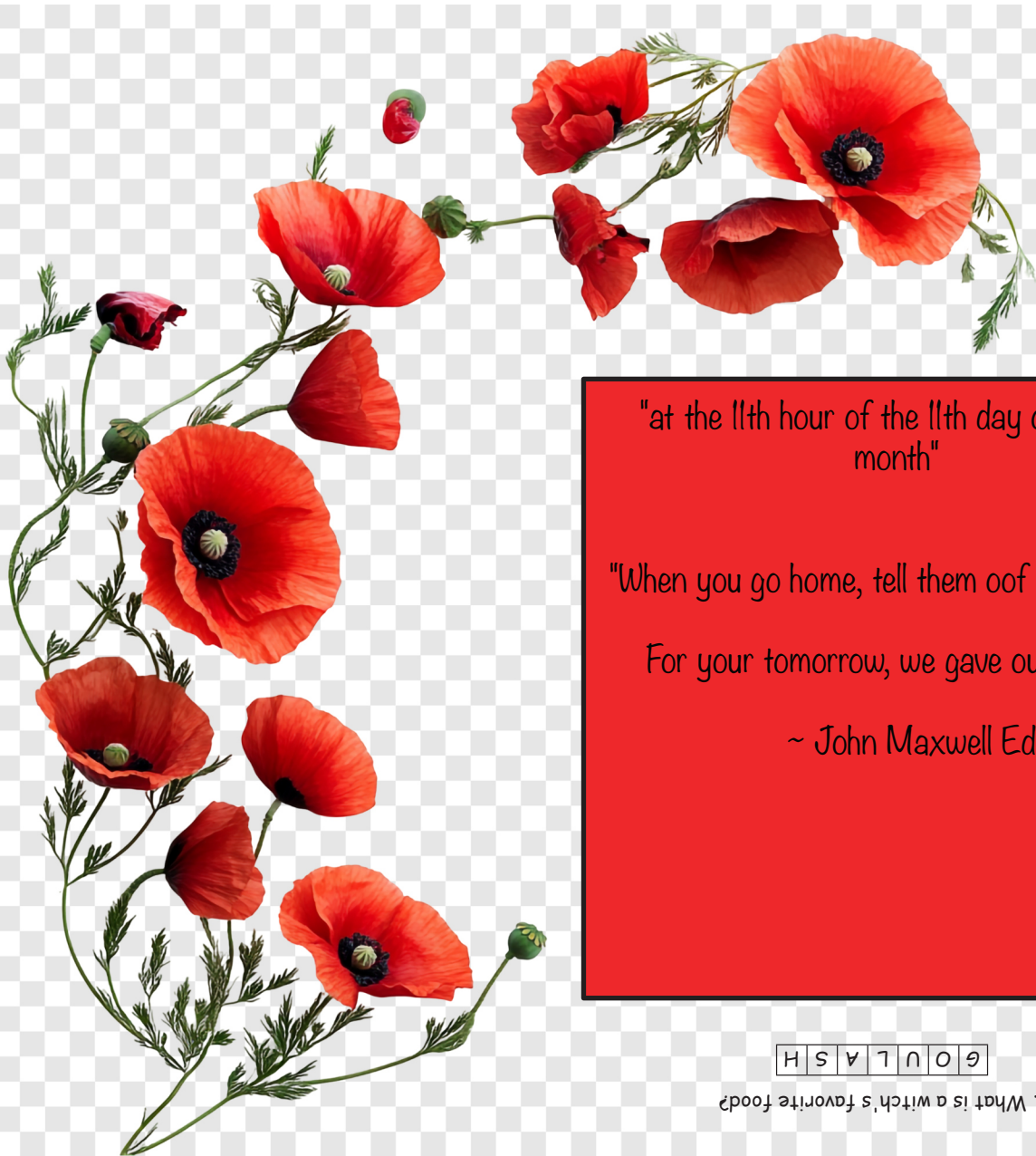
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battle
peace

eleventh
service
sunday
poppy



"at the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month"

"When you go home, tell them oof us and say,
For your tomorrow, we gave our today."

~ John Maxwell Edmonds, 1919

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Sudoku Puzzle Solution

Q. What is a witch's favorite food?	GOULASH
AVONDLR	CAULDRON
RIMG EPERAR	GRIM REAPER
ATHPNOM	PHANTOM
NTHAEDU EUHOS	HUNTED HOUSE
OLSETNK	SKELTON
LABKC	BLACK
OYPKSO	SPOOKY

HALLOWEEN
Word Scramble



Plumbland Mobile Service Post Office Every Wednesday 12:45 – 13:10

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Grid Ref NY1484389, Aspatria, Wigton, CA7 2HG**

We sell Royal Mail and Parcel Force Worldwide services in all our branches, except Banking Hubs and branches that offer collection and drop-off services only. Postage services from other companies also available in selected branches.

Cumbria Speedwatch – Volunteers Required

Community Speedwatch is a national initiative where proactive members of local communities join with the support and supervision of their local police to record details of speeding vehicles using approved detection devices.

There are immediate vacancies within the Plumbland Parish Community Speedwatch. You will be asked to assist for a total of 60 minutes once per month at a mutually agreed time at one of two locations on the B5301 in Parsonby.

If you are interested in assisting with the Plumbland Parish Community Speedwatch please register your interest with Tony Rutherford, Chairperson of Plumbland Parish Council on: rtony843@aol.com

