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"The majority of waste disposed of is probably garden waste" (Pic courtesy of Cumbria CC).

Update from the local policing team.

Residents and road users on Allithwaite Road have said to us that they regularly see drivers exceeding the 30mph speed limit. You may have seen the Speed Indication Device which we set up during November. The Speed Indication Device improves driver awareness and helps drivers adjust their speed. During January and February we will be out on the roads with speed detection equipment and we will take action against drivers who are over 30mph. Our message is simple:

Drivers who ignore the 30mph limit are a risk to themselves and others. A 40mph collision with a pedestrian will kill or cause very serious injury. Show consideration. Drive within the speed limit taking account of the road and weather conditions. If you are speeding on the roads in Grange, expect to be stopped.

Ken Jewell, Ulverston & Lakes NPT Community Sergeant.

Sale of clothes & clutter

In aid of NSPCC and other local charities at Lower Holker Village Hall, Saturday 18th Feb, 10 - 12 admission £1 to include coffee and homemade biscuits.

Quality new-to-you clothes, household linen, bric-a-brac and books.

To arrange collection please phone Liz Wilson 58488 or Margaret Scott 33285.

Quiz night

Grange Soroptimists International Quiz Night, Saturday Feb 18th, 7.30, Cartmel Village Hall. Teams of 4 at £4 per team.

Bring your own drinks and glasses and a contribution to a finger buffet. Contact David and Isabel Huggett 015395 63678 to reserve a table.

Have your say to save Amenity Site

Driven by necessity according to Cumbria Council, to make savings, the Council also cites the change in people's waste disposal and recycling behaviour as a reason to close the county's six least used Household Waste Recycling Centres (HWRCs) of which Grange is one. The other five are Ambleside, Brampton, Kirkby Stephen, Millom and Wigton.

Those of you with long memories will remember that Grange's Amenity Site (Guides Lot) was once open 7 days a week until it was forced to share opening times with Ambleside. Ambleside received 4 days and Grange got 3 - currently Thursday, Friday and Saturday.

It seems odd that Grange is one of those cited as 'least used' - as on open days, particularly in summer, one often has to queue. The majority of waste disposed of is probably garden waste as many residents recycle plastic and cardboard etc at Berners Close car park. Bottles and paper being collected bi-weekly by SLDC. Unfortunately there is no other place for garden rubbish but at Guides Lot - unless we travel to Ulverston or Kendal as Cumbria County Council seem to think we can do. Another suggestion they have made is to have a mobile recycling vehicle which will visit Grange four times a year! What use will that be? It sounds as daft as evening parking charges.

You have until 19th February to respond either by logging onto the website www.cumbria.gov.uk or email yoursay@cumbria.gov.uk. Paper copies are available from Grange Now (for a small photocopying charge) to fill in and post to HWRC Consultation, Freepost NWW6059A, The Courts, Carlisle, CA3 8BR or you can simply send them a letter expressing your views.

Guides Lot closure?

Cumbria County Council is consulting on proposals to close six of the County's Household Waste Recycling Centres in 2012, including Guides Lot. The proposal aims to make savings of £2m per year from the £29m waste services budget.

Under the proposals, the six least used sites (in Grange, Ambleside, Brampton, Millom, Wigton and Kirkby Stephen) would close this year. It is proposed that a 'mobile service' would visit Grange up to 4 times per year.

The nearest alternative sites are in Ulverston and Kendal. For remaining sites, Cumbria County Council proposes reducing the opening hours and days. Finally, there is a proposal to charge for disposal of 'non-household' waste, such as soil, rubble, asbestos, plasterboard and car tyres.

You can tell Cumbria County Council what you think of their proposals via their website at: http://www.opinionsuite.com/cumbria/cumbria-county-council/environment/hwrc/consult_view or by picking up a consultation form at the library. There is a freepost address for forms to be returned to. The consultation ends 19 February 2012.

Alix Jagger
Grange Town Council

Shock news, site to close?

The County Council are currently engaged in public consultation on proposals for changes to Cumbria's household waste recycling centres. They need to reduce spending on this service. They have known this for two years however during this time they have not spoken to either the Parish or the District Council to see how this valued service might best be delivered or to look at potential savings and benefits which cooperative might deliver.

There is a strong possibility that Grange site along with five others in rural settings might close. It is very clear from the discussions that I have had with people that the threatened loss of this valued public service has angered residents greatly. Many see the consultation document as flawed. They question the assumptions which underpin it and others have pointed out that many people will not travel to Kendal or Ulverston where they might also have to pay charges. Instead they will feed additional materials into the bins currently collected by SLDC. The proposal for a mobile collection has also been rejected as unlikely to meet the local needs. Other comments made have objected to the costs of travel; the resulting increase in carbon footprint from more car journeys and to the fact that rural areas bare the brunt of reduced services.

The consultation document contains four proposals. I would urge every one to respond and also to ask the County Council to think again about how the savings they need to make can best be achieved through greater efficiency and cooperation so that areas such as ours can continue to enjoy a valued local service. E-mail yopursay@cumbria.gov.uk. Paper copies should also be available in the Library.

Rod Wilson

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That longed for family reunion could well occur this year