Tree Preservation Orders (TPOs).

The application to remove the trees at St Bridget's estate at Kirkcross has been withdrawn for the moment.
And one has been added by a member of the public for the Alder tree that sits in the middle of the Village Pound. On balance, as a council, we'd rather not have this tree protected and we'd remove it because it's not in a good place and since the structure is listed we could usefully do without future repair bills but we will have to see if we can get the order overturned.

Community – Halloween & the Christmas Lights Competition

It was great to see the Halloween competition running on the 31st October – thanks to all who organised that and donated prizes. Here's one of the winning carved pumpkin entries and a window display:





So in related seasonal news it's time to announce the ever-popular **Christmas Lights competition** with Lakes Centre vouchers as prizes - of £30, £20 and £10. Councillors may not enter but they will judge on the evening of Tuesday 22nd Dec' so you must enter by the 21st latest please – we're not wanting to walk the parish from Wellington Farm to Caldron Hill to Cross Howe in case there's some good lights secreted away, so you *must* enter to be in line for a prize. We need to plan our route! Contact details on the front page. If you don't want to enter, that's ok, we may give a mention for suitably noteworthy displays!

Finance News

We've £8,150 in the bank (before prizes). We're now closed for 2020 applications for organisation funding but we are open for suggestions that meet with our Donations Policy for 2021 and while we review them at the November meeting normally, we will obviously operate some flexibility given the pandemic situation.

Brigham & Broughton Cross Parish Council – Flier No. 37

The Council *next* meet on: Tuesday 5th January 2021
at 7pm – maybe virtually, maybe in the Methodist Chapel room.

On Tuesday 3rd November 2020, we held the 694th parish council meeting. This was held with COVID-19 precautions, in the Methodist Chapel teaching room.

What we discussed at the meeting included:

a. The tree in the grade-11 listed village Pound and hedge-cutting in the parish
b. That 25 people have emailed in to ask for the flier to be saved in printed format
c. Low Road flooding – a meeting is to be held on the 5th Nov'
d. Genesis's new fence, apparently replacing a stone wall at Kirkcross, St Bridget's
e. That we have no news on progress on the Notice served on the Quarry owner for repair of his walls
f. The level of our donations to applicants contributing to the parish's welfare

As you may know, we have a decision to make on whether to issue this flier predominantly electronically in the future and so we are making one more hard-copy delivery through everyone's letterboxes. We have taken care with Covid-19 precautions in its preparation and delivery.
25 people have emailed in to say they'd still like it in paper form but, while there's some irony there, we are asking for the final time to determine if we stay in print or go electronic - if you have asked for a hard copy already, we will still deliver one to you but this is your last chance to ask. For future new residents we will deliver with the message they need to ask too.
If there's an outcry – we'll continue in print.

We encourage all the public to feel empowered to report road and grid problems to the HIMS website of Cumbria County Council.

If you have any questions about the parish, then please e-mail us on brighamparishcouncil@gmail.com – you can also text us on **07508 316496** or visit the website at http://www.brighamparishcouncil.org.uk
From Occupation Lane to The Grove or from Carlin Barrow to Sandy Knowe, we will try to help.
Information is on our Facebook page - keep up to date with news there too

Village quality issues

We remain grateful to the litter elves for their tireless work in picking up what others seem to think is too troublesome to carry home. If people would care to check the Play Area for litter from time-to-time, we'd really appreciate that as well. Also, to the people reporting any Japanese Knotweed (don't touch it) and pulling up the Himalayan Balsam (and leaving it where it's pulled from), plus gully and grid work that's gone on during the seasonal leaf-fall, we'd like to say thanks.

All those overhanging hedges and bushes should be cut back from the pavements by now please - but do check for the habitat of birds and hedgehogs and look out in case something has crawled into your garden waste before setting fire to a potential bonfire.

On flooding and reducing the risk, we have asked about the potential adoption of Church Street. Installing drains into an unadopted highway by a non-statutory undertaker (like the residents' own contractor) is likely to require an application for planning permission (with the need for modelling of rainfall and climate change). A more straightforward idea might be to get United Utilities' and CCC's support and inform the Highways Authority too. If we feel there's support for this idea, we'll pursue it.
We're due a November meeting with CCC& the Low Road flooding group about the continued (private) cost of the pumping out of residential cellars etc. in that area.

There are new 'slow' and '30' signs on the roads in Broughton Cross.
Work has started on the grid improvements at the foot of Hotchberry Road.
The winter timetable for the X5 bus is now almost hourly.

The Memorial Hall

The Hall has been risk assessed for COVID-19 mitigation and re-opened on 1st September for hirers but it's going to have to close again from Thursday 5th November for the 2nd national 'lockdown'. Details of future community events will be publicised when Government guidance allows.

The 100-Club is going to keep running since socially distanced draws can still be made. As ever it's important the community gets behind the Hall and supports our resource in these difficult times.

Winners for November are: 1st – Ruth Guthrie with lucky number 33, 2nd – Anna Hamilton (no.91), 3rd - Sarah Stewart (no.19) and 4th - with number 73, Jack Dandy.

Recreation area at Broughton Cross

No one has come forward to add to the 2 trustees and so we will pursue a plan to regenerate the charity commission as official custodian as it was in 1996.

Planning

The application (OUT/2020/0010) to build a new bungalow outside the village settlement limit at Ellerbeck/High Rigg has been withdrawn. The parish council will be consulted on any future application which, since Allerdale might have been expected to recommend refusal as it did not meet many of the criteria in the Local Plan (part2), will likely be heard by the Development Panel.

The replacement of a stone wall, with railings, by a wooden fence is the latest in a series of concerns that the local residents and the parish council have had over the continuing development process at St Bridget's estate (formerly Kirkcross).



It just doesn't seem to represent enhancement of the area to us.
We have reminded ABC that we'd like to participate in the post-job review with Genesis and ABC's planning Dept' over the time of construction.
There are clarifications needed on working practices, traffic plans and road-cleaning, tree protection orders (WTPO/20/0024 withdrawn) and now replacement of walling. The new play-area shoud be input soon too.

Just because it bears repeating, please remember that we are statutory respondees on planning issues so expect that we will comment on any applications made. Believe it or not, we do approve of development when it is in the right place and to the right standard. So the offer, made in previous issues of the flier, remains: if you're considering any development (like widening your driveway access or putting up an extension) we're here to help and if that means keeping you out of legal trouble with Highways or Allerdale, we'll try and do that for you. Please don't start something without proper permission and then assume we're sticking our noses in!