

Parish Council Report for September newsletter

Wilkinson Monument

As the Parish Council does not meet in August we usually expect it to be a fairly quiet month but we have been keeping an eye on progress at the Wilkinson Monument and can report that the work is now complete, although at the time of writing we are still waiting for the scaffolding to be removed. A couple of the councillors met Robert Burgess of Burgess Roughton who has been managing the project on our behalf and had the fascinating experience of clambering up the scaffolding to inspect the work. The complex nature of the conservation and repairs has meant that the whole job has been costly and taken longer than predicted. Much of the funding has come from the Taylor Newton and Hibbert Trust, English Heritage, the Cumbria Waste Management Environment Trust and the Worshipful Company of Ironmongers, but the balance has come from local fundraising events and the Monument Fund which the Parish Council has built up over a number of years. We are very grateful to all our funders and hope that with careful financial planning in the future it will be possible to maintain the monument without having to resort to large-scale funding appeals again in the foreseeable future.

Japanese Knotweed

Observant residents may have spotted that we have two patches of this invasive plant growing in the fenced-off 'wild' area by the recreation ground. The Parish Council has taken specialist advice and made arrangements for this to be properly dealt with in the next few weeks as it finishes flowering. The area will need to be monitored carefully and treatment applied at regular intervals long-term. Work is also planned in order to protect the fencing and to make the area easier to manage. The cut-back may look a bit drastic, but we have been advised that the eventual appearance will be an improvement and of benefit to the trees and shrubs in this area.

The Children's Playground

The new play equipment has been proving very popular with local and visiting families and the Fundraising Group are continuing resuming their activities in order to purchase the equipment planned for installation next summer. Many local children and visitors from other villages have enjoyed sports sessions provided by Lakes Leisure and subsidised by the Local Area Partnership during the summer holidays. It is good to see the Recreation Ground being well used and kept largely litter-free, with the vast majority of dog-owners respecting the 'dogs on leads' rule.

Many thanks to all members of the Lindale Village Playground Fund Committee for all their hard work in achieving improvements to the play area in just 1 year, in particular, Cllr Neil Marsden and his contractors from his company **Marsden Building and Maintenance Contractors Ltd** who kindly installed the equipment free of charge.

The committee are now getting on with raising funds to achieve completion of the plans for Phase II and Phase III of the project.

Many thanks to everyone who has already joined the 100 Club- **June Winner Number 11 Sue Mason**

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