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Dalston, Cummersdale, St. Cuthbert's Without, Orton, & Burgh By Sands,
Parish Councils.

Steven Tweedie and Trevor Allison, District Councillors for the Dalston City Ward.

Dalston, Cummersdale, & St Cuthbert's Without, Parish Councils

Dear Residents,

I would like to thank all those who voted for me in the County Council elections on June 4th. As your new County Councillor, I will do my level best to represent all residents. I have already met a number of residents in Burgh By Sands and Orton through the Parish Council meetings. Our regular Dalston Ward Focus has been extended to include these two Parishes. Steve and I will keep you informed of issues at both City and County level.

Post Paid Return Card

We have included a pre-addressed/freepost card for you to raise any concerns you may have. Simply put your comments on the reverse side and pop it in the nearest letter box, or, keep it by you until needed. Our usual contact details are also at the end of this Focus leaflet. The County Division is much larger than the City Ward. So to enable us to cover it all, we are posting leaflets to some of the outlying areas instead of delivering them by hand. There is no cost to the authority for this Focus leaflet nor for its distribution.

Morton Development

As a Parish Councillor, Trevor supported Cummersdale Parish Council, with a submission responding to this 825 house application for this development near Cummersdale. This is the first phase of this development, Whilst not opposing it in principle, we submit that there should be no development until the infrastructure is in place to support it.

The 75 Bus Route in Dalston

Councillors and Parish Councils are consulted in the County Council's "**Transforming Passenger Transport**" review currently under way in the bus company's Eastern sector. Since the **Dalston 75 service** was established, there may well have been changes in the age profile of Dalston residents. The developments at Summerfield off Station Road, and Glebe Close/ Nook Lane Close at the far end of **Townhead Road** mean that elderly residents have to walk a considerable distance to get the bus.

We have been asked if it could be possible to vary the existing bus route, at least some of the time, and one resident has suggested an alternative. To establish if there is sufficient interest for us to follow this up, we would appreciate your input on this. This includes those who live towards Bridge End and who could be affected by any changes. **Please let us have your suggestions**, (with sketches if you wish) **on the enclosed post paid card**.



Extension to Caldew School

School Issues

A (TRO) Traffic Regulation Order (yellow lines/waiting restrictions) was one of the conditions imposed when granting permission for the extension of **Caldew School**. It extends along **Carlisle Road** and **Nine Rigg** and is designed to deal with the indiscriminate parking that has been a problem here for many years. The TRO is a temporary one, and provides for a **consultation process**. You will have the

opportunity to give your views on whether it is effective, and to suggest amendments.

Free school bus travel is restricted almost exclusively to children who live in the catchment area of a school. We have had approaches from parents just outside it, who are obliged to make their own arrangements to get their children to school, even when there may be a school bus with empty seats in the area. Trevor and the Councillor from Harraby ward have written to parents at **Carleton, Carleton Grange and Parkland Village** whose children attend **Caldew School** but do not qualify for free bus travel. If there is sufficient response, the intention is to organise a bus with an accredited provider. If we have missed you out, please let us know. Meanwhile, Trevor is continuing his dialogue with the authorities.

Thirdly, a number of residents in Dalston have expressed their concern at the **appearance of the frontage of the Caldew School Extension**, particularly now that the roadside hedge has been removed. The City Council enforcement officer confirms that the new structure complies with the approved plans.



A shot from the bridge

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Bus Shelter at Moorhouse



Signpost at Orton

Overgrowth at Pen Beck, Gaitsgill

The August meeting of **Dalston Parish Council** was held at Gaitsgill, to which Councillors are invited. We were shown at first hand the problem of the overgrowth in the bottom and above the beck, in an 80m stretch between the bridge and Rose Cottage. This urgently needs cutting back. Councillor Nicola Clarke has been involved with residents at Gaitsgill for some time,

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In Dalston, following consultation with the Parish Council a number of bollards are being provided for installation in locations where parking on the pavement is a constant problem. **In St Cuthbert's Parish**, following representation from residents and consultation with Highways, two bollards are being installed at a point just off the A6 near Carleton and two new signposts are also proposed. **Cummersdale Parish Council** are working up proposals for the next tranche of funds.

Other Issues/events

Drop in Session, Creighton Rugby Club Wed. 16th Sept. 4.00-7.00pm.

The Local Plans Officer, Carlisle City Council will explain the Development Brief for substantial housing development on the Clinic site. This is an opportunity to see at first hand what is proposed and question the officer.



Carleton Clinic

Neighbourhood Forum Meeting, Gt Orton Village Hall 26 Oct. at 7.00pm

There will be a presentation on the Carlisle Northern Development Route **(CNDR)** by a senior Officer of the County Council. You can question the officer on its likely impact on the villages in the area. Please do come.



Kissing Gate at Parkland Village.

The kissing gate that was removed from the fence at Parkland Avenue is in storage. If funds allow, it may be possible to install it at another location within the estate, allowing passage for pedestrians, prams and wheelchairs, but preventing vehicles. Let us know if you have any ideas for a suitable location.

What is happening in Council.

The budget process is beginning in both City and County Councils. Given the state of the Government finances, all local authorities are under extreme pressure, with the projections for reduction in Government grant support. In Carlisle, as you will probably know, the City Council has embarked on a "Transformation Programme" with a review throughout the whole organisation. We will keep you informed as these develop.

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