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## **Ulverston News**



### **GSK - End of an era?**

Sadly this week, it was announced that GSK operations in Ulverston will close down by 2025. Whilst alternative pharmaceutical uses for the GSK site are possible, the jobs of 130 employees are now at risk. We hope that ongoing efforts to attract new businesses to south Ulverston will be successful.

## **Cumbria County Update**



## Stay local this February half term

Residents across Cumbria are being urged to steer clear of public places that could become crowded this half-term and to keep following the lockdown rules.

Colin Cox, Director of Public Health for Cumbria County Council, said: "We are seeing the vaccine roll out happen at great pace and over 100,000 people have now received their COVID-19 vaccination. It is also very encouraging to see infection rates start to fall. This is mainly driven by the current lockdown and social distancing.

"To ensure infection rates and hospital admissions continue in the right direction, and to keep ourselves and those around us safe, it remains as important as ever to continue following the rules this half term.

"The third lockdown has been especially tough for many people in Cumbria and I'd like to thank everyone for sticking to the rules and doing all they can to stop the spread of the virus.

"So, this half term, please stay local to your area, follow the rules and help keep our communities safe."

Andrew Slattery, Assistant Chief Constable at Cumbria Police, said: "We continue to urge people to heed the Government's request for people to stay home as much as possible and to exercise locally.

"People who do exercise outdoors should stay well within the limits of their own experience and equipment and make sure they take note of the conditions, particularly if considering venturing onto the fells.

"With a small number of exceptions, the law remains that people must not stay overnight away from their home address. Travelling to a holiday home or second home for a getaway is illegal under the current Government restrictions.

"Whilst we are seeing positive signs with regards infection rates both locally and nationally, our hospitals and ambulance service continue to operate under extreme pressure due to the high number of Covid-19 patients.

"I continue to encourage people to remember why the current Government restrictions are in place - to stop the spread of infection, protect the NHS and save lives."

## Ulverston Resilience Group

*Article by Adam Jones*

February the 14th 2021 is the day when **Ulverston Resilience Group** will launch as a charity, taking over from **Ulverston Self Isolation Group** to provide community support for the Ulverston area. The new group also includes members of the former **Ulverston Emergency Planning Group**, who over past few years have devoted their time to constructing meaningful emergency plans for responding to major



incidents.

Ulverston Self Isolation Group was set up in March 2020 by Caroline Smith and Neil Fleming, working with a newly-formed team of volunteers. They aimed to help those who were self-isolating due to Covid-19, and were therefore unable to get out for medication & shopping.

Throughout 2020, the group has delivered meals, provided random acts of kindness (including sweet boxes for kids), delivered Christmas cards and presents to care homes, delivered Christmas dinners, and even set out early one Sunday morning to drop children's activity packs at various places in the LA12 area. Currently, the group is co-ordinating non-clinical stewarding for Covid-19 vaccinations at Ulverston Health Centre.

It was recognised that there was an ongoing need for a structured support group in Ulverston, which would also be able to respond quickly in emergency situations. The ethos and the mindset of the new Ulverston Resilience Group will mirror that of the Ulverston Self Isolation Group. It will continue to provide community support along the same lines that it did in 2020, with the additional responsibility of working alongside the emergency services during severe weather-related events and other major incidents.

The Ulverston Self Isolation Group facebook group is renamed as Ulverston Resilience Group. The phone number and website are unchanged.

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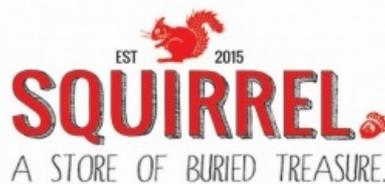
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## A590 Improvements

### A590 Cross-a-Moor vegetation clearance work February 2021



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### Two projects now starting

Work has started on the A590 at Newby Bridge. Vehicles will no longer be able to turn right from Lakeside (opposite The Swan Hotel) onto the A590 towards Ulverston. The reason for the change is to improve safety at this junction. Motorists will be advised to turn left, travel approximately 300m towards Newby Bridge roundabout, and turn around before continuing towards Ulverston.

Preparation work for the new Cross-a-Moor roundabout at Swarthmoor is due to start imminently, with the removal of trees and hedgerows on both sides of the A590. Construction work is due to start in the summer. Online information events using Microsoft Teams have been scheduled by Highways England. The events will be held between 12 February and 26 March, every Wednesday at 10.30am and Friday at 6pm for one hour.

Highways England

## Laptops for Schools Appeal

### Laptops for schools – could you donate?



#### Could you donate?

Cumbria's schools are appealing to local people and businesses to donate laptops for use by school pupils who are now learning from home due to lockdown. Anyone who thinks they can support this appeal should visit the county council website for information on how to donate.

Laptops can be new or used but must be fully functional, meet a minimum specification, and have all data wiped before donation. All laptops will be checked before they are then loaned to children.

The minimum specification is:

- Laptop, not PC
- Intel Dual Core i3 processor
- 4GB RAM

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