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## Ulverston News



### Lakes Bioscience

Plans to construct a new £350m pharmaceuticals manufacturing plant for Lakes Bioscience adjacent to GSK Sports Ground are moving ahead. Planning permission has been granted for groundworks to start in preparation for the new buildings.

This is great news for the town, particularly in light of GSK's recently announced plans to leave Ulverston. The GSK Task Force, chaired by Simon Fell MP, will work with GSK to help ease the transition for current GSK employees, and will play a part in investigating future uses of the main GSK site.

[Lakes Bioscience on Twitter](#)

## Ulverston Resilience Group

The Ulverston Resilience Group, formed from the Ulverston Self Isolation Group and Ulverston Emergency Planning Group, met formally for the first time this week. The following appointments have been made by the committee, and are subject to annual review.

- **Neil Fleming:** Chair
- **Caroline Smith-Dance:** Vice-Chair
- **Rosemary Jones:** Secretary
- **Ian Jones** (not related!): Treasurer



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RESILIENCE GROUP

The group will continue with the activities of the two previous groups, including managing the non-clinical stewarding at Ulverston Health Centre, providing telephone support for the old and vulnerable, various community initiatives, "random acts of kindness", monitoring flood risks, and updating emergency plans for major incidents.

The group is starting to plan engagements with its registered volunteers, and is investigating opportunities for training and other volunteering activities.

## Covid-19 Non-Symptomatic Testing



### Now available in Dalton and Barrow

Lateral Flow tests give a result in 30 minutes and help identify asymptomatic carriers, ie. people who do have Covid-19 and are infectious but do not appear to be ill. These people can then self-isolate to protect others.

Lateral Flow Community Testing Sites at Dowdales School (Dalton) and Furness Academy (Barrow) are **open to any essential workers** who cannot work from home and come into regular contact with other people through their job, and **who do not have Covid-19 symptoms**.

The tests are free and no booking is required, but please note the sites are only open at the times stated. You don't need an appointment - please just arrive at the testing site between the times stated on the Cumbria County Council website. Click the blue button for details.

**People who DO have symptoms** of Covid-19 should book a test at [nhs.uk/coronavirus](https://nhs.uk/coronavirus) or by calling 119. They should not attend a Lateral Flow Community Testing Site.

[Lateral Flow Community Testing Sites](#)

## Gill Public Toilets



## Refurbishment starts next week

A new slate roof is being installed on the Gill public toilets next week, which means the toilets will be closed during this time.

Shortly after this, new doors will be fitted on all cubicles to enable card payment, but with one toilet retaining its cash facility. The final section of the work will be a complete refurbishment of all three cubicles, including new sanitary ware.

Throughout the time when the toilets are closed, portaloos will be available near to the toilet block and will be cleaned as usual.

## Festivals & Events



### Keswick to Barrow Walk

One of the first major local events to commit to going ahead in 2021, subject to Covid-19 restrictions at the time, is the Keswick to Barrow Walk. This year it will take place on the 18th of September. All walkers already registered for the 2020 Keswick to Barrow and Coniston to Barrow Walks will automatically be entitled to take part in the 2021 event, and teams will remain as-is. It may be possible for a limited number of new teams to register, after the 2020 entrants have had an opportunity to confirm their places.

Other events and festivals, including Another Fine Fest, Retro Rendezvous, and Furness Tradition, are likely to go ahead, but there may be some changes to dates and other details. The Ulverston Carnival Committee has already taken the decision to cancel the 2021 carnival. We'll bring you further updates when available.



Hundreds of local charities benefit from the Keswick to Barrow Walk every year. In 2019, walkers donated £379,666 to charities (not including gift aid).

## National Census

### Census Day is 21st March 2021

Every 10 years a census of the population of England and Wales takes place. The data collected is used by national and local government, charities and other

organisations to plan resources and services in health, education, transport and housing.

Your census pack will arrive by post and will contain:

- A unique code to enable access to the census online portal
- An instruction leaflet on how to complete the online return

The instruction leaflet details the various options for help that are available including a telephone helpline number.

If you are unable, or prefer not to use the online form, you can simply call the helpline number contained within your pack and request a paper form. This form will be sent in the post. Paper forms are also available in large print format.

You can complete your return as soon as you receive your census pack. You do not have to wait until census day.

The online census form can be completed on a laptop, tablet or internet enabled mobile phone. It cannot be completed on a smart television.

You do not have to complete the online form in one session, you can save your form at any time and return to complete it later, but you will need your unique code each time you access the form.

If you need help completing your return, you can get a family member or someone else you trust to help you or complete the form on your behalf. You can call the helpline number for additional guidance if needed.

**There is no charge for the census. Nobody from the census team will visit your home before census day. You will never be asked for payment to receive help in completing your return. You will never be asked for your bank details in connection with the census. Any person visiting you WILL NOT ask to enter your home and they will adhere to Covid-19 safety measures at all times.**

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