Outlook

Your November Bulletin

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Welcome to November's Bulletin!

I hope you and your group have been finding the Bulletins helpful so far.
The Bulletin contains information, updates and ideas from across the voluntary sector, all designed to help your group take the next step in your work.
This month, I am actively looking for feedback on the Bulletins.
Please get in touch if there's anything you've been finding particularly useful, or anything you think is missing.
As always, if I can support your group in any way, I'd love to hear from you.
Sarah

Funding Focus

Airbnb Invites UK Applications to its Best of Britain Fund

Airbnb has launched a new fund 'to help support the stays, experiences and attractions that make Britain great'. The fund aims to support the hospitality sector, and inspire more Brits to travel beyond the usual tourist hotspots to typically lesser visited areas. Sole traders, businesses, charities and publicly funded organisations can apply for up to £100,000! Applicants need to make the case that a grant would make local tourism stronger in their area. Deadline 23/11/25 - email me for more details!



Meet the Funder Event: Weds 12th November 5.30pm

This is an excellent opportunity to chat to the team behind Westmorland & Furness Council's Eden Community Fund. If your group runs projects for local residents, you could receive up to £5,000 if your project meets local priorities. This online session allows you to chat to the funder directly, and find out all you need to know in order to make an application. Go to cumbriacvs.org.uk/training-and-events to sign up.

Volunteers? Ideas!

Firstly: Retain!

There's nothing worse for a group who needs more volunteers, than losing one you've already got! Consider - does your group take care of its current volunteers? Think about how fulfilling it is to volunteer, the level of expectation, and how positive / negative your meetings are. These things can really weigh on people over time. Having clearly defined roles, a plan for the future, and celebrating your successes can also help keep everyone motivated.





The CVS Volunteer Database

Cumbria CVS have a database where you can search for volunteer opportunities, and recruit new volunteers for your organisation. It covers the whole of Cumbria, so you could be advertising to a much wider audience! And while not everyone will be willing to travel to Alston Moor, this could be a very effective tool when combined with online volunteering. There's no reason your social media guru or secretary couldn't live in Barrow, or even Barbados! Go to www.cumbriacvs.org.uk/volunteering/ to find out more.

Why Not Try...

...Starting a New Group?

We are lucky to have lots of different active groups on Alston Moor. But if you've spotted a gap where you can make a difference - go for it! It doesn't

have to be daunting. One of my next projects is to put together an information pack for anyone considering starting a new community group. Let me know if you'd be interested in receiving this pack when it's ready, by sending me an email to the address below.





… Some Policy Writing?

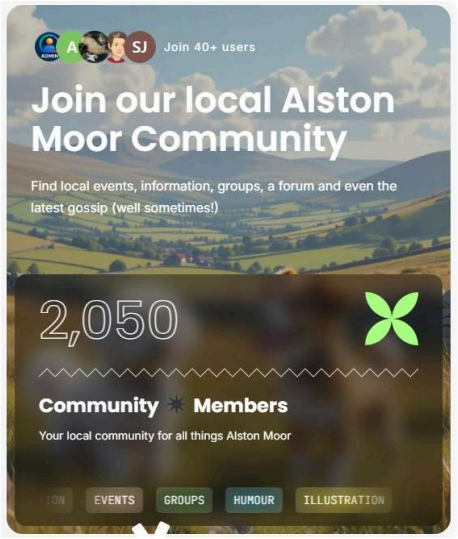
Boring? Perhaps. Useful? Certainly! Funders and wider organisations are increasingly asking groups to have certain policies in place before they work with you. This may be a Safeguarding policy if you work with children, an Environmental or Data Protection policy, or something else entirely! But you don't have to reinvent the wheel - good templates for these policies already exist. Let me know if you need help finding one, or would be interested in a policy writing session.

Community Corner

Join the Alston Moor Online Community!

This launched at the Community Get-Together event on 25th October. We now have a brand new online community space, dedicated solely to the people who live and work on Alston Moor (and

their friends and family). Join us for fun and helpful community chat, make friends and wider links, and help each other out. Watch the video below to find out more, then visit alstonmoorcommunity.com to sign up.



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Community Directory 2025

Preview copies of this are now available! The aim is to get it printed before the end of this year. To double check your group's entry, send me an email on communitydev@alstonmoorpartnership.co.uk

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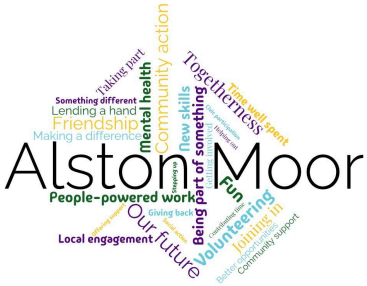

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