Outlook

August Community Bulletin

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Welcome to the August Community Bulletin

What a beautiful month July was, both in terms of weather and the amazing effort from our volunteers to put on such fantastic community activities. It was brilliant to see Alston Live and the PTFA Duck Race alongside each other again this year, the combined event with the Film Club, and the collaboration with the Community Workshop to build the Viking Boat! Here's hoping that August brings just as much success for all our community groups - even with the road closures!
Please get in touch if I can support your group, or if there's an issue you'd like to bring to my attention.

Sarah

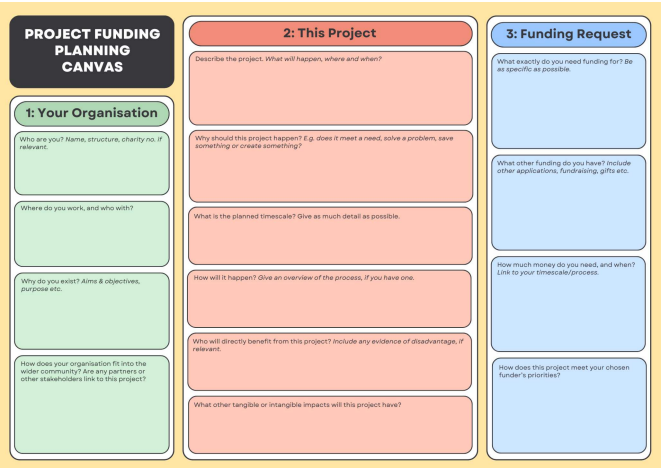
Funding Focus

King Charles III Charitable Fund

This fund opens for applications on 5th August, and closes on 19th, so it's quite a brief window to get things together! However, it's a good small fund if you're operating in the areas of Heritage, Conservation or Education - you can get up to £9,000 over 3 years for your project. Click on the link below to find out more, and apply.

King Charles III Fund Link





Not Sure Where to Start?

You know your group needs funding… but what do you do first?
Try downloading my Funding Canvas (click the link below). It will help you clarify your project, set your goals, and get you started down the path to a successful funding application. Don't forget that I can help out during the process too, if you hit a bump in the road.

Funding Canvas Link

Volunteers? Ideas!

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 the link below to find out more.

Volunteer Database Link





Volunteers Struggling?

If you have a volunteer who's finding things tricky at the moment, there is a new support resource on the Alston Moor website which could help them.
It covers a list of common problems volunteers face and some ideas for both groups and individuals to tackle these, to keep volunteers going and increase group success. Find it at the link below, and let me know if you find it useful.

Support Resource

Why Not Try...

...TACO-ing your tasks?

If there's too much to do, and you're finding yourself more stressed than satisfied lately, see if you can TACO some of your tasks!
T = Terminate. Does this task really need to be done? Does your group actually have

capacity for this, or should you scale back?

A = Automate. Could AI do this task, or another suitable computer programme?

C = Consolidate. Could this task be merged with something else, to reduce manpower or resources needed?

O = Outsource. Could you get a one-off volunteer to do it, a bored young person, or even pay someone to get it done?





…Social Media Further Afield?

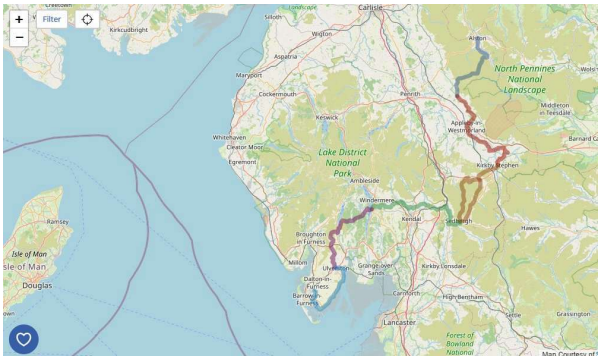
Beyond our own Moor-based social media, there is a whole raft of local pages small and large, Cumbria-wide promotion groups, and tourism sites. For your next event, workshop or announcement, why not try spreading the word further afield? Visit Eden, What's On Cumbria, and Events in Cumbria are good places to start. You never know how many people might be willing to come up the hill - especially in good weather. Plus, every post helps keep Alston Moor on the map!

Community Corner

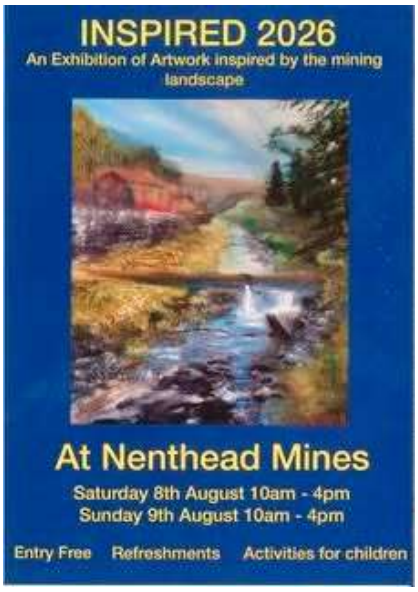
The Westmorland & Furness Way

A new 120-mile walking trail is set to highlight the beauty of Westmorland and Furness, offering walkers the chance to explore some of Cumbria's most spectacular landscapes.

The Westmorland and Furness Way, due to launch in Autumn 2026, will stretch from the historic market town of Alston to the



medieval ruins of Furness Abbey near Barrow-in-Furness. Opportunities will be available for local businesses to be featured on the website - watch this space!



Inspired @ Nenthead Mines

This is the second year running for this exhibition of local artwork, inspired by the landscape that has been shaped by its mining past.

Open Saturday 8th and Sunday 9th August from 10am-4pm, it's sure to be well worth a visit! Another great example of how two different sectors can work together to create something fantastic.

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