

DALSTON PARISH COUNCIL - APRIL INSERT

PARISH COUNCIL ELECTION

The term of office of the current Dalston Parish Councillors expires on the 10th May 2010. Several longstanding members of the Council have chosen to retire this year. These include Mrs J Rawstron, Mr G Harrison, Mr D Hand, Mr T Sinclair and Mr S Scaife. The Council wishes to thank them for all their diligence and service to residents in the area over the years. Following an uncontested election, new members to take office on the 11th May will be Mr T Baxter, Mr C Druet, Mr P Ebbatson, Mr D Grey & Mr O Roberts.

DOG FOULING

At the March Parish Council meeting the matter of dog fouling was raised by a member of the community. **ALLOWING YOUR DOG TO FOUL IN A PUBLIC PLACE IS ILLEGAL.** If you allow your dog to foul, under the Clean Neighbourhoods and Environment Act 2005 you will be subject to a fine of £75.00. Under the Act, all areas are included, including the village green, highway verges, footpaths and the Cemetery. Carlisle City Council staff regularly patrol the area and have issued several fines in the last few months. If the idea of a fine of £75.00 is not enough of a deterrent allowing your dog to foul can cause Toxocariasis a condition that can cause blindness in children – those most likely to come into contact with the material!

In Dalston we have a resident who regularly collects and disposes of dog fouling from the village green. Figures provided by the individual show the scale of the problem that we face, 630 items being collected in January and 650 in February.

Particular areas of concern brought to the Councils attention are the village green, Cemetery and Railway footpath. The Railway footpath has a slightly different problem to other areas within the village in that dog owners are bagging the mess but then leave the bag on the path or throw it over the hedge onto the railway siding. If you bag make sure you also bin it.

CARLISLE ROAD PARKING RESTRICTIONS – EXPERIMENTAL TRAFFIC REGULATION ORDER (TRO)

The Parish Council was asked to submit comments on the success of the experimental TRO at Carlisle Road and Nine Rigg. A response was submitted, commenting on each individual restriction and if it should be implemented, modified in some way or be abandoned in whole or in part.

PARISH TRUST

The Parish Council is currently investigating the formation of a Charitable Trust. If you would like to be involved please contact the Clerk for more information.