

Dalston in Bloom 2017

AN ILLUSTRATED PORTFOLIO FOR CUMBRIA IN BLOOM AND
BRITAIN IN BLOOM BASED ON CATEGORIES FROM THE ROYAL
HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY MARKING SHEET



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Introduction

Dalston is a large village and together with several hamlets makes up this civil parish in Carlisle District, Cumbria. It is situated on the B5299 about four miles (6 km) SSW of Carlisle City centre, approximately five miles (8 km) from Junction 42 of the M6 and the market towns of Wigton and Penrith are within easy reach. The Parish has 2078 residents on the Electoral Roll with 1287 in Dalston village, which serves as a key service centre for a much wider rural area.

Dalston Neighbourhood Plan

As stated in the Dalston Neighbourhood Plan, currently reaching inspection stage, Dalston Parish is a very special place in which to live, work and visit. The vision of this plan is to protect its rural environment and qualities, to sustain its communities and to encourage change and development, which will serve to preserve and enhance these qualities and lead to a thriving and sustainable future. Historically the Parish developed through easy communication, fertile land and most importantly from the River Caldew, into an agricultural and industrial Parish.

Services and Facilities

Today, Dalston is a thriving hub of services and facilities and an eclectic mix of farms, residential areas and light industry. The Nestle factory in the village is the largest Nestle processing plant in Europe and has developed directly from its position in this dairy farming area. Dalston village is where there are most of the community facilities, residential estates and primary and secondary schools. There is a railway station and a bus route to Carlisle and a small industrial estate at Barras Lane.

At the centre of Dalston is the historic Square, with St. Michael's Church, the Manor House, a working farm, an interesting variety of historic buildings, a pub, tea room, shops and offices. The oldest houses in The Square are one storey and medieval in origin. Part of the charm of The Square is its mix of domestic and commercial use of buildings. The Square also provides car parking space, but with the addition of the Kingsway facilities the ultimate vision is to make this into a more pedestrian friendly environment for residents and visitors to enjoy. Dalston is situated near one end of the 80-mile-long Cumbrian Way and on Sustrans cycle routes, so is frequently used as a refreshment stop.

Community Organisations and Activities

Dalston is very fortunate in having numerous clubs and societies that cater for all age groups and activities. It is a place where things happen and the community really does get involved. The Dalston Festival Week, in its twelfth year, runs from 5th - 13th August, culminating in the Dalston Agricultural Society Show on 12th August. There will be a Flower Festival in the church, scarecrows, decorated gates and wheelbarrow competitions, as well as Open Gardens during the week. It is also, most importantly, Britain in Bloom Judging day on Wednesday 9th August.

Ronnie Auld—Chairman Dalston in Bloom

River Caldew after the June 2017 rains



Review of the Past Year

December 2016 Ever since Dalston was awarded a Silver Gilt in the 2016 Britain in Bloom (Large Village) competition there have been many activities, beginning with the celebration American Supper in November and on to December with a Christmas Market, Christmas Trees in the Church and a concert given by the Border Band.



Dalston in Bloom Celebration Get Together
30th November 2016—Victory Hall—7.30

Please contribute savoury or sweet dish to share
Beer, wine and soft drinks pay bar.

Chat, Results, Comments and Photographs to Enjoy

RSVP to 01228 710128 or nonnieald@gmail.com



March 2017 As in 2016 we started our In Bloom year with a Coffee Morning in St Michael's Church. We had two sessions with volunteers for the year, showing slides and making plans.



Review of the Past Year (cont.)

Also in March we benefited from the RHS and Rotary's UK wide Purple4Polio initiative with corms planted by volunteers in the autumn.



At the beginning of April there was a Super Special Red Squirrel event in Dalston.

Red Squirrels 24/03/17

On April 5 there will be a Super Special Red Squirrel Event in the Victory Hall at 7.30pm.

David Cowen, the Dalston and Welton area warden for the Penrith and District Red Squirrel Group, has been horrified to find the area along the Caldew between Dalston and Caldbeck is infested by grey squirrels and the red population is on the very edge of extinction.

The Penrith and District Red Squirrel Group has funded grey squirrel control and red squirrel monitoring across the Dalston and Caldbeck areas. To report squirrel sightings please phone: 016974 78575, 07901 577498, 07542 191865 or 01228 711520.

Do come along for a nibble and natter on April 5 in the Victory Hall at 7.30pm and support this local charity. For details contact 07542 191865. Admission £3.



As winter moved into spring Dalston burst into flower starting with the snowdrops followed by daffodils, for which Dalston is rightly famous. Our winter tubs came into their own in the mild weather at the same time as the blossom bloomed. It was soon time for the Gardening Club Plant Sale in May.



Review of the Past Year (cont.)



Gardening Club Plant Sale



And so to summer and the start of the season of open gardens

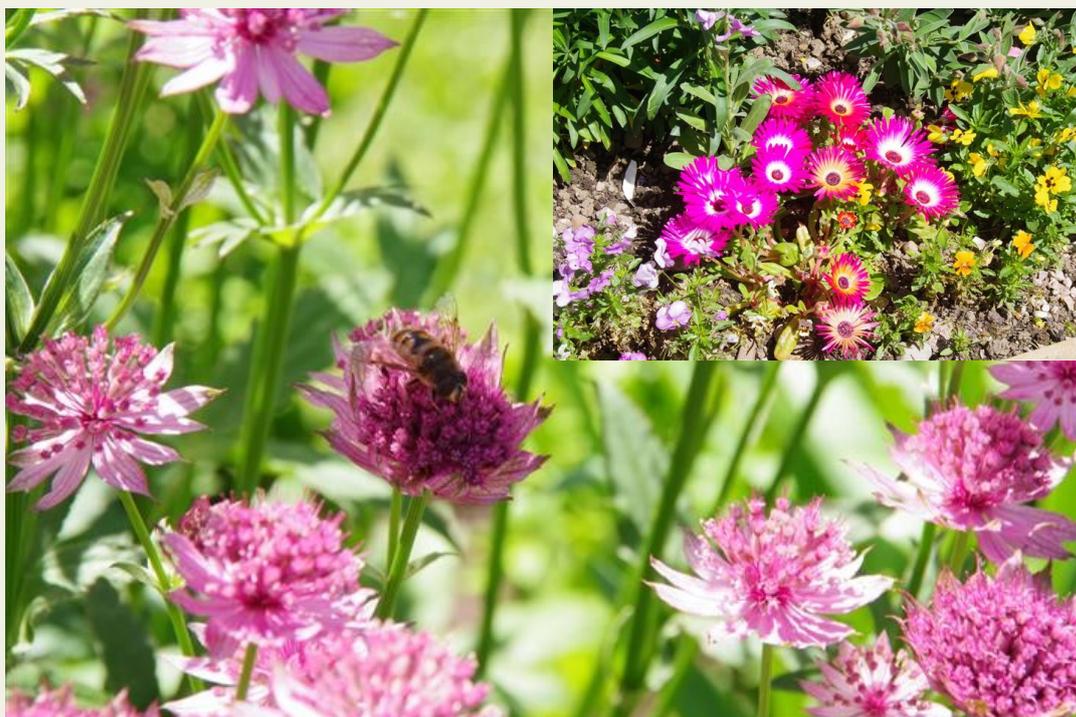
Blackdish Open Garden



Review of the Past Year

Review of the Past Year (cont.)

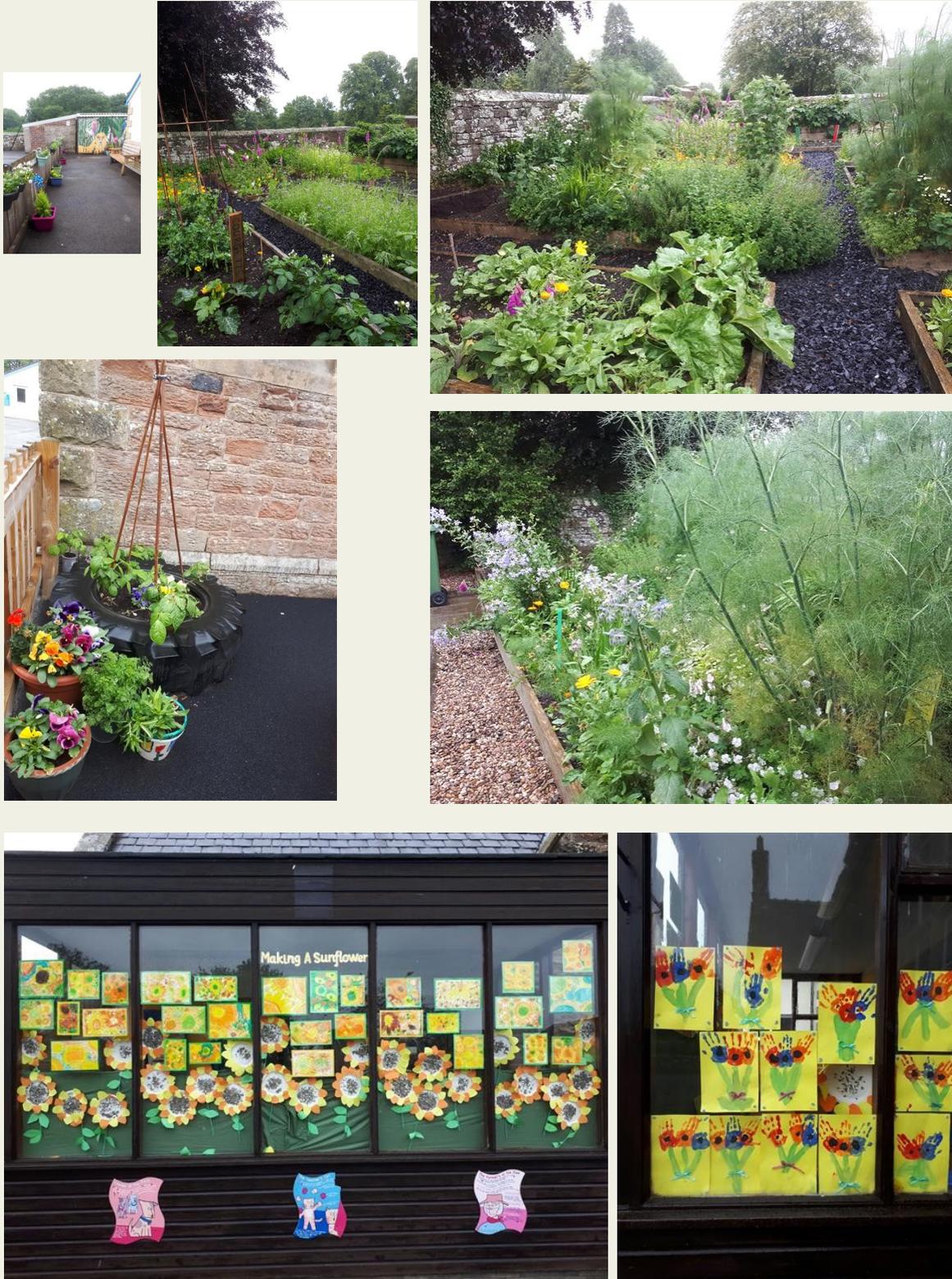
Grange Estate



Review of the Past Year

Review of the Past Year (cont.)

St Michael's School Garden—Cumbria in Bloom Judging Day



Review of the Past Year

Review of the Past Year (cont.)

Caldew School Community Day



Sadly, due to very inclement weather, the planned visit to Kelsey's Wildflower Meadow had to be curtailed. Instead of the planned wildflower and bee survey following the dedication of the site in the name of the late Councillor John Kelsey, we had to make do with hot and cold drinks in the Parish Council Offices and a lively discussion about Youth Councils!



The event should have been attended by renowned bee expert Vivian Russell from Silloth and local ecologist David Hickson. Kelsey's Meadow dedicated to the memory of her husband by Mrs Kelsey.

A. Horticultural Achievement

Dalston residents pride themselves in their horticultural achievement, which is shown by the interest in Cumbria in Bloom competitions, a thriving Gardening Club of 26 years, Dalston Flower and Crafts and many entries in the floral and vegetable displays at the Dalston Show. Gardening around the village is of a very high standard, illustrated by the many private gardens and the recent example of excellent small estate gardens on view in the Grange Estate.



A1. Horticultural Achievement—Impact

Dalston is a working village with a huge volume of traffic passing through due to the lack of a southern bypass for Carlisle. A proportion of this traffic is agricultural during the summer months, which results in grass and straw blowing in the wind. Nevertheless, the impact is of a cared for village with a high level of tidiness. Volunteers work tirelessly alongside contractors paid for by the Parish Council.

Many residents tailor their front gardens to give maximum impact in their part of the village. An example of that would be around the Old Mill and the Mill Race.

A2. Horticultural Achievement—Horticultural Practice

Perhaps the two outstanding examples of a high standard of horticultural practice are on view in the Forge Green fruit and vegetable gardens and the Grange Estate gardens. However, the fact that the Gardening Club has a waiting list illustrates how keen Dalston residents are to improve their techniques.

Members of the Gardening Club continue to be involved in the development, care and maintenance of the Jubilee Garden in the centre of the village.



A3. Horticultural Achievement—Residential and Community

There are a number of areas in Dalston where residents work together to achieve a very high standard.

The Forge, built in the 1970s on the site of a 1756 smelter, the area provides space between quality houses in the Bridge End part of Dalston.



Forge Green Gardens. Forge Green is the site of the Parish Council offices and two affordable residential units. It is the old Dalston Work House and was sold to the Parish Council in 1895. In 2012 Dalston Parish Council made the southern part of the gardens available for local residents to rent for vegetable and fruit growing. This has proved to be a great success. The gardens are very productive and much sought after.

The **Dalston Recreation Centre** was completed in October 2008. The facility provides space for a wide range of recreational activities, both indoor and outdoor. The football field is home to

Dalston Black Reds and the play area has recently been refurbished benefiting from Section 106 funding from the new Grange Estate. Also on the same site is the Dalston Tennis Club and Dalston Bowling Club. The flower beds around the Recreation Centre are a mass of bloom in the summer and do a huge amount to enhance the whole area.

Dalston Bowling Club is a popular important facility in the parish, drawing its members from Dalston and the surrounding area. The gardens and baskets are a credit to the enthusiastic membership.



A3. Horticultural Achievement—Residential and Community (cont.)

The **Kingsway** is an important recreational and amenity asset for Dalston village. Owing to overspill from The Square, the Parish Council had to build a new car park at the top of the old road through Dalston, which leads to the White Bridge. While the grass is cut by our contractor, Wigton Town Council, the garden area was laid out by Westwood Nurseries and is kept tidy and weeded by volunteers, helped by a contractor when heavy jobs need to be done.

The Kingsway leads to the White Bridge, an iconic Dalston feature. The previous bridge used to be one of the main routes across the Caldew for all traffic. The present bridge built in 1999 is now a bridleway and much used by walkers.

Dalston Station is another area in Dalston which is maintained by volunteers. The station gardeners and wider Station Adopters’ Group work tirelessly to improve the flower beds and keep them free of weeds.

The panel murals were designed and created by Caldew School pupils.



A4. Horticultural Achievement—Business Areas and Premises

In the 1930s the **oil depot** was established in Dalston and expanded in 1970 with 4 new tanks and a pipeline to the railway. **Mallinson Fabrications** contributed financially to the re-surfacing of the station yard and additional car parking for railway users was provided when the Summerfield Estate was developed. The scouts and residents have planted spring bulbs and the entrance rowan trees were planted by the Parish Council.

The Square. Most of the businesses in and around the Square contribute towards making the area a pleasant place to be. If individual floral baskets/planters are not desired, then window displays reflect the seasons or events. During the 2017 Dalston Festival The Square will be ringed by manger type planters with plants brought on by Hickson’s Garden Nurseries in the centre of the village.

Around St Michael’s Church there are a number of **flower beds** which are looked after by volunteers.

Paragon Vets



Bluebell



Crumbs



Public Toilets



The Nestle plant was opened in 1962 and is sited on 70 acres of land, chosen for its proximity to the river Caldew and subterranean water. Throughout its expansion, development has been carried out with the local environment in mind. Screening trees have been planted and the entrance planting is at its best in the spring. Nestle has close links with the schools and the community in Dalston both financially, and with work opportunities and environmental projects.



A4. Horticultural Achievement—Business Areas and Premises (cont.)

Barras Lane Industrial Estate has a unique entrance display provided by David Allen Accountants, depicting the rural character of the area and doubling up as the entrance sign for Dalston. The other 3 entrance planters have been made by Ian Rousell, a resident, with materials supplied by Rosebank Sawmills in the Parish.



A5. Horticultural Achievement—Green Spaces

Green spaces are much cherished in Dalston, with views to the river, fells and tree areas appreciated on a daily basis. There is a network of footpaths and bridleways in the Parish and a 'Map Pack' was produced in 2000 and has since been available for purchase.

The Green was gifted to the Parish Council by Mrs Stead with the proviso that it was not to be built on and it was subsequently placed on the Commons Register as a Village Green. It is let to Church Farm in the Square for grazing and is open to the public for recreational purposes. In 1890 Carlisle Golf Club had a 9 hole course on the Green - features such as bunkers can still be seen from the air. During the foot and mouth epidemic of 2001 the handful of cows and calves were looked for every day as a symbol of hope, so there was much grief in the village when they succumbed. Community activities such as bonfires, beacons and the Festival cricket match take place on the Green and a commemorative oak tree was planted for the Diamond Jubilee.

A5. Horticultural Achievement—Green Spaces (cont.)

Greening Grey Britain for Wildlife is the RHS theme for 2017. For a number of years the Dalston community has been developing open spaces with an emphasis on wildlife through biodiversity. Around the village are a number of areas which are reserved for wildlife, among them Blackdish (open to the public at least once a year), Kelsey’s Wildflower Meadow, Nook Lane Foot Wildflower Meadow and common land, The Green, Forge Green Wood and Ike’s Wood as well as wildflowers in the Jubilee Garden, around the verges and in other areas too. Below and the following page are dedicated to pictures from these areas.



Forge Green Woods

B. Environmental Responsibilities

Keeping Dalston tidy and free of litter and dog dirt is a high priority. We have volunteers who spend time nearly every day picking-up litter. Dalston is attractive to dog walkers, so ensuring that they pick-up the mess left by their dogs is a high priority. Dalston has plenty of bins around all the open spaces, and these are well used by residents and visitors alike. Dog Wardens from Carlisle make occasional visits or on request.



Recycling. Dalston has a very busy recycling centre in the Glave Hill car park. With litter picking being undertaken on a daily basis by Stephanie Diver, 1,009 bags of litter were collected in 2016 by her and 694 so far this year. Since 1997 Stephanie has collected 18,297 bags and walks over 1,000 miles a year on this task.

Dalston Public Toilets. The public toilets are maintained by Carlisle City Council and are an important asset for walkers and cyclists visiting Dalston. Recently the opening and closing of the toilets has been taken on by local businesses.

The Parish Council works with the Environment Agency, Natural England and Eden Rivers Trust to ensure that the river Caldew is kept free of pollution, the banks are stabilised against erosion and the flora and fauna are protected. The Council manages the riverside footpath through Forge Green Wood to the Green.

B1. Environmental Responsibilities—Conservation and Biodiversity

Grass Cutting The Dalston grass cutting contract is large and complex. The contract is re-tendered every three years. The current contractor is Wigton Town Council who cut grass throughout Dalston Parish. New areas are often added to the contract. Currently the Parish Council is negotiating with Carlisle City Council to take over some of the areas that they maintain.

Lighting While some parishes look after their own public lighting, it is hoped that it will be some years before Dalston has to look after in excess of 100 footway lights in

The River Caldew is a site of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI) and Special Area of Conservation (SAC). The river flows through the centre of the village and, as well as being highly valued for its flora and fauna, provides an area of recreation for walkers and fishermen.

The Caldew is one of the wildest rivers in Cumbria. It meets the Eden and the Petteril in Carlisle and, unfortunately, has contributed to the devastating flooding in Carlisle three times since 2005.



B. Environmental Responsibilities (cont.)

Dalston Cemetery is owned by Dalston Parish Council and supported by a Cemetery Working Group. This group is responsible for proposing the programme of management and obtaining quotations for agreement by the Parish Council, whilst implementing some of the minor tasks on a volunteer basis. The plan is continually updated.

Two members of the Cemetery Working Group attended a 'Caring for God's Acre' seminar in 2015. A great deal of the Cemetery Maintenance Schedule relating to grassland management and treatment of flora was substantiated at the event in terms of the creation of wildlife corridors. This also applied to the care of other areas in Dalston such as the Kingsway. Wildflower plug planting has also been undertaken by volunteers in the Cemetery and in Kelsey's Meadow.

The Hearse House is an old Victorian building in Dalston Cemetery, once used by the Parish Council to store grass-cutting and burial equipment. In recent years it started to fall into disrepair, so it was renovated by Alan Dinning, Brian Hetherington and Ian Newton. It is hoped to use the building for wildlife related activities as an outreach centre for local schools. An owl box has been installed in the roof (inset) and we are waiting on a barn owl taking up residence. If that happens, a camera will be installed with connection to St Michael's primary school. Prior to building works a bat survey was carried out.

A number of bird boxes, have been erected and maintained by Dalston Scouts.

Recently renovated cremated remains area and Cemetery



Dalston cemetery is famous for its population of **Slow worms**. This is one of the few colonies in the north of England. Slow worms are legless burrowing lizards and are very shy. They spend a lot of time in dense vegetation and underground. A population has been known to occur in the churchyard for many years, but sightings have been few and far between. There are no other recorded populations within a 20 mile radius. The slow worm is a protected species. It is only found in long grass between the church and The Square. Frequent mowing and strimming destroys the slow worm habitat and causes death or injury. For this reason, part of the area is left unmown during the summer months. The Parish Council commissioned a slow worm survey in 2013.

A new slow worm study is currently being undertaken by the University of Cumbria. The study will, using special pattern recognition software, attempt to track individuals over a period of time.

B2. Environmental Responsibilities—Resource Management

Carlisle City Council operates an alternating fortnightly kerbside collection of household waste and recyclable materials. The Recycling Centre bins in Glave Hill car park (owned by the Victory Hall) are emptied regularly - glass, plastics, drink cans & tins, paper and cardboard. The litter bins are also emptied three times per week. Garden waste collection goes to Carlisle City Council to be composted, then comes back to Dalston via sales at Dalston Aggregates.

Individual households have water butts to collect rainwater. One has also been installed on the Hearse House in the Cemetery and the water can be used for floral tributes on graves.

Parishioners have the right to small scale extraction of gravel from Silent Quarry (the river bank near Forge Green) subject to a license from the Environment Agency. These river stones have been used in gardens and properties over the years and a wall, recognised as part of Dalston heritage has been re-built by Story Homes adjacent to the Townhead Road entrance to the new housing estate.

Hearse House Water Butt



Silent Quarry



B3. Environmental Responsibilities—Local Heritage

Mill Race. Dalston in Bloom has been running a project with the Parish Council, Environment Agency and the local mill owner to clean and restore the Mill Race to its original state. This is a long term project. Work in the water can only be done at certain times of the year and with the explicit permission of the Environment Agency.

Gun Emplacement. Adjacent to the Victory Hall this was reputed to have had an excellent range of fire up and down the Green (A Parish Remembers The War Years 1939 -1945).

Other Local Heritage features are evident in The Square, The Lamp, St Michael's Church, The Green and at Forge Green. There are many Listed Buildings in Dalston village, especially in the Square.



B4. Environmental Responsibilities—Local Environmental Quality

The privately owned Manor House in the Square is currently undergoing renovation and discussions have taken place with the Parish Council regarding the re-painting of the frontage, preparations for which have begun. Litter, graffiti, fly-posting, dog fouling etc. are dealt with on a regular basis including assistance from the appropriate department at Carlisle City Council with signs, visits and occasional enforcement. Cllrs Trevor Allison and Ann McKerrell liaise in these matters and also frequently get involved on the ground.

The Public Toilets were repainted and renovated by Carlisle City Council in 2015 and trellises erected for planting. Volunteers tidied up the outside area and have continued to maintain the planting.

Dalston Cemetery is maintained by Dalston Parish Council. It is one of only a few cemeteries in Cumbria in the control of a Parish Council.

B5. Environmental Responsibilities—Pride of Place

Street Furniture. The Parish Council is responsible for the maintenance of seating, notice boards, litter bins and bus shelters in most parts of Dalston. The litter bins were renovated in 2015 and the bus shelter on the Green was re-painted by the Scouts. The Community Pay Back Team painted the railings round the Jubilee Garden and touched up the paint work on the White Bridge.

Grass cutting and general maintenance in much of the public space in the village centre, recreation field, churchyard and cemetery is contracted out by Dalston Parish Council to Wigton Town Council. There is a grass cutting and maintenance specification for village and parish public areas. Other areas of grass are cut by Riverside Housing, Carlisle City Council, school and business contractors. A gardener was employed to carry out additional work in the Kingsway car park.

Dalston Cemetery. Wigton Town Council contractors used by the Parish Council work to a specified Maintenance Schedule and Plan.

Volunteers are the basis for Pride of Place in Dalston - without them it would not be so special.



New Sandstone Planter (sponsored)



A popular feature on the Kingsway is the Sheepfold Seat. Dalston also has many Memorial Seats



C. Community Participation

Dalston is known for its community participation. A quick look at the Dalston Parish Paper in any month and you will see just how much is happening.

There are many individuals and lots of organisations that all play their part in keeping Dalston a clean and attractive place. Our volunteers have been out on the village approach roads. Other residents regularly weed and sweep around the community, dead head and water as required.

On 18th March 2017 about 70 people attended the Dalston in Bloom Coffee Morning. It was here that Pat Geddes told the audience about the work planned for the doctor's surgery and the Grange Open Garden community event. We also heard about the plans for the Jubilee Garden, more grasscrete down the Green and the possible resurfacing of all or part of The Square.



C1. Community Participation—Development and Continuity

Dalston in Bloom operates all the year round. This year we have assembled a larger team of dedicated volunteers than in the past. This is helped by modern email and digital communication.

Once again we have tried to obtain licences from the Environment Agency to return the **Mill Race** to its former glory. This stream exits the Caldew at the Hawkesdale Weir and re-enters the river close to the White Bridge. It is frustrating to report that we have been thwarted at every turn, despite visits and apparent enthusiasm.

Jubilee Garden. This project was started in 2016 and continues this year. It is part of a RHS It's Your Neighbourhood project.



Co-op Area. Some years ago a new Co-op store was built in Dalston. This is a huge improvement on the old building. It was hoped that we could work with the landowner to improve the environs of the store, perhaps providing better quality paths and planting to soften the entrance area. However, they are unwilling to help with any sort of funding or path improvement. Co-op staff have repainted the cycle stand and maintain the hanging baskets planted up by a local resident.

It's Your Neighbourhood Project Wonderful work has been done at the **Dalston Medical Centre** by a group of volunteers from The Grange, led by Pat Geddes and Aileen West, with funding assistance from Dalston doctors, Dalston in Bloom Fund and others.



Planning The Grange Open Gardens



<u>Address</u>	<u>Saturday 17th</u>	<u>Sunday 18th</u>
4 Bishops Way	X	X
6 Laripots Close	X	
1 Bishops Way	X	X
1 Orchard Way	X	
3 Orchard Way (Front Only)	X	X
5 Orchard Way	X	X
9 Orchard Way	X	X
11 Orchard Way	X	X
15 Inglewood Drive		X
31 Bishops Way	X	X
26 Bishops Way	X	X
37 Bishops Way	X	X
3 Apple Tree Close	X	X
30 Bishops Way		X
32 Bishops Way	X	X
36 Bishops Way		X
38 Bishops Way (front & side only)	X	X
55 Bishops Way	X	X
62 Bishops Way		X

C2. Community Participation—Communication and Education

There are two schools in Dalston. St Michael’s C of E primary school enters the Cumbria in Bloom School Gardening Competition. This year they have made a special visit to Blackdish Wildflower meadow. Caldew School regularly works in the community. As well as helping the Pre-School children with growing plants, this year they are doing a wildlife project at Kelsey’s Meadow.

After the success of his Hedgehog Boxes last year, Adam Couling has made 4 Bat Boxes for Dalston at Denton Woodcraft, which is part of Cumbria County Council.

Dalston resident, Alan Clark’s Propagation Workshop is being held in August.

Abacus Day Nursery on the industrial estate make full use of the adjacent woodland as a play area.



Hospice at Home courtyard gardens are being renovated and planted up by Liz Craig and Cath Bell.

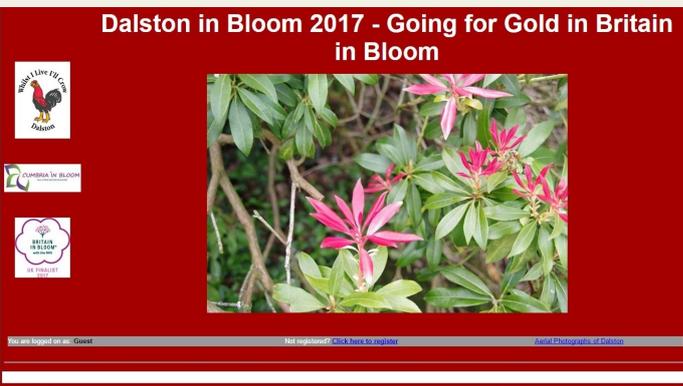
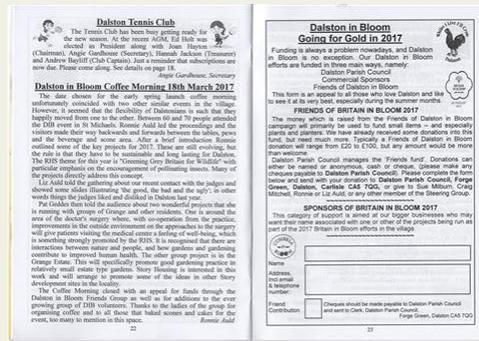
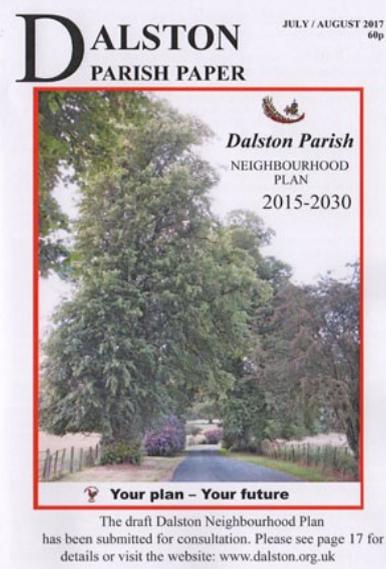
The Carlisle branch of Hospice at Home has moved its offices to Barras Lane in Dalston.

Dalston in Bloom is helping Cath Bell and Liz Craig to redevelop a redundant courtyard into a garden offering peace and tranquillity to the patients. Hopefully a Dalston in Bloom grant will assist in the purchase of a water feature.



C2. Community Participation—Communication and Education (cont.)

Parish Paper. Dalston publishes 10 copies per annum of a much read and valued Parish Paper. The 2016 publications have carried a monthly article about our two Dalston in Bloom entries - Cumbria in Bloom in July and Britain in Bloom in the Large Village category. The magazine is regularly between 40 and 50 pages in length and is totally self-financing through classified advertising and subscriptions.



The Dalston website is a much used resource. There are two main sites – www.dalston.org.uk and www.dalstoninbloom.org.uk. The latter has been covering all the main events in the 2016/17 Dalston in Bloom activities and is the go-to resource for News and pictures.

Scouts. The scouts have been involved in river and mill race clean-up and are planning to be involved in the Hospice at Home garden.

C3. Community Participation—Community Participation

 Dalston Festival Week 5th—13th August 2017							
Saturday Aug. 5th	Sunday Aug. 6th	Monday Aug. 7th	Tuesday Aug. 8th	Wed. Aug. 9th	Thursday Aug. 10th	Friday Aug. 11th	Sat. Aug. 12th
Flower Festival in St. Michael's Church. All Week. Saturday 5th—Sunday 13th							
Scarecrow Competition & Decorated Gates and Wheelbarrows— Phone Lorraine 710703 or collect entry forms from Country Kitchen or SuzieBou (£2.00 per entry)						FESTIVAL FRIDAY!	
Art Exhibition—by Dalston Art Group in the Victory Hall 10:00—4:00. Teas Coffees on Saturday and Sunday provided by the W.I. 2:00—4:00		Open Gardens Tuesday and Wednesday 10:00—6:00		Coffee and Tray Bakes In the Church 10:00—12:00		Coffee and Tray Bakes In the Church 10:00 a.m.—9:00 p.m.	
Kingsway Carnival On the Kingsway 1:00 Walking Football Family Rounders Bar B Q Bar Disco Bouncy Castle Welly Wanging Prof. Pumpnickel		Gala Day At the Recreation Field 1:00—3:00 Races and Prizes Children's Entertainment		Salvation Army Exhibition. In the Methodist Church Monday—Wednesday 2:00—4:00 Teas available		DALSTON SHOW On the Show Field All day A great day out for all.	
Film Night 5:30 In the Recreation Centre The BFG!		Village Cricket Match On the Green Starting at 3:00 W.I. Teas available from the Victory Hall <i>Bring a picnic!</i>		Paul Laidlaw Antiques At the Recreation Centre 2:00		Enjoyaball. In the Recreation Centre 10:00—12:00 Children 4-6 years.	
Ukulele Band Bridge End Inn 7:00 Also Featuring Emma Jones. <i>As seen on Britain's Got Talent.</i> Free Entry		Cumdivock Art Group Cumdivock Village Hall 7:00—9:00 Teas Available		Britain in Bloom. Judging Day St Michael's Pre-School Nursery Activity Morning In the Rec. Centre 10:00—12:00 Come and meet the play leaders		Magical Mel's Mysterious Treat Jubilee Garden 10:00 a.m.	
Recreation Hall 7:30 £10 per team of 4 Compere Steve Layden Entry Forms in Cumberland B.S.		Junior Football Competition On the Rec. Field 5:00—8:30.		Strawberries and Champagne In the Jubilee Garden 2:30—5:30		Entertainment in the Square Starting 6:00 Disco, Live Band, Barbecues and much more Competition Winners presentation 7:00.	
Pantomime Jack and the Beastalk St Michael's Church 7:00		Backworth Colliery Band St Michael's Church 7:30 Tickets £6.00 on the door		Thanksgiving Service St Michael's Church 10:30		Further Information Ann 07736 855050 Alan 07731 443987 or 710879 Pam 710051 Subject to change.	
						Sunday Aug. 13th	

One of the biggest events of the year is the week long Festival in August, culminating in Dalston Show run by the Agricultural Society which has a committee of some 60 members.

The Festival is entirely volunteer organised by a committee of about 10 Dalstonians.

In 2016 and 2017 there has been a strong emphasis on gardening with Open Gardens, Decorated Gates, Wheelbarrows and a Flower Festival lasting the whole week.



C4. Community Participation—Year Round Involvement

Dalston volunteers work all year, as shown in the review of the past year. There are regular events every month held in the 4 community halls in the centre of the village.

Dalston Parish Council, with 15 members across all ages, is very active. Regular meetings are monthly but often special meetings have to be held. The Parish Council has an annual precept of nearly £70,000.

The nature of the village is such that it is necessary to employ outside contractors who are required to work to a high standard.

As a rural village there is a great deal of agricultural activity.



C5. Community Participation—Funding and Support

Sponsorship (cash received)	£1480.00	
Friends	£1202.35	
Events	£ 402.48	
Brought Forward from 2016	£1000.00	
Grand Total	£4084.83	
Project Grants disbursed		£2004.00
Parish Council Contribution		£5000.00

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Appendix A. Kelsey’s Meadow

Planted Species May 2007

Plantago Lanceolata	Ribwort Plantain	April – August
Achillea Millefolium	Yarrow	June – November
Silene Alba	White Campion	May – August
Stachys Officinalis	Betony	June – August
Lychnis Flos-cuculi	Ragged Robin	May – June
Geranium Pratense	Meadow Cranesbill	May – September
Hypochoeris Radicata	Cat’s Ear	May – September
Ranunculus Acris	Meadow Buttercup	April – July
Leucanthemum Vulgare	Oxeye Daisy	May – August
Centaurea Nigra	Common Knapweed	June – September
Primula Veris	Cowslip	April – May
Vicia Sativa	Common Vetch	May – September
Lotus Uliginosus	Marsh Trefoil	June – August
Filipendula Vulgaris	Meadow Sweet	June – August



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Achillea millefolium	Yarrow
Alchemilla mollis	Lady’s Mantle
Alopecurus pratensis	Meadow Foxtail
Carex pendula	Pendulous Sedge
Centaurea nigra	Knapweed
Chamerion angustifolium	Rosebay Willowherb
Cirsium arvense	Creeping Thistle
Cynosurus cristatus	Crested Dogstail
Dactylis glomerata	Cocksfoot
Dryopteris filix-mas	Male Fern

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Elytrigia repens	Couch Grass
Epilobium montanum	Broad-leaved Willowherb
Festuca rubra	Red Fescue
Filipendula ulmaria	Meadowsweet
Fraxinus excelsior	Ash
Galium aparine	Goosegrass
Galium mollugo	Hedge Bedstraw
Galium verum	Lady's Bedstraw
Geranium pratense	Meadow Cranesbill
Heracleum sphondylium	Hogweed
Holcus lanatus	Yorkshire Fog
Holcus mollis	Creeping Soft Grass
Hypericum perforatum	Perforate St John's-wort
Juncus conglomeratus	Compact Rush
Juncus inflexus	Hard Rush
Juncus tenuis	Slender Rush
Lathyrus pratensis	Meadow Vetchling
Leucanthemum vulgare	Ox-eye Daisy
Lolium perenne	Rye Grass
Lotus pedunculatus	Greater Bird's-foot Trefoil
Lychnis flos-cuculi	Ragged Robin
Lysimachia punctata	Dotted Loosestrife
Phleum bertolinii	Smaller Cat's-tail
Phleum pratense	Timothy
Plantago lanceolata	Ribwort Plantain
Poa annua	Annual Meadow Grass
Poa trivialis	Rough Meadow Grass
Potentilla reptans	Creeping Cinquefoil
Quercus petraea	Sessile Oak
Ranunculus acris	Meadow Buttercup
Ranunculus repens	Creeping Buttercup
Rhinanthus minor	Yellow Rattle
<i>Rubus fruticosus</i>	Blackberry
<i>Rumex acetosa</i>	Sorrel
<i>Rumex conglomeratus</i>	Clustered Dock
<i>Rumex crispus</i>	Curled Dock
<i>Rumex obtusifolius</i>	Broad-leaved Dock
<i>Salix cinerea</i>	Grey Willow
<i>Senecio jacobaea</i>	Ragwort
<i>Solidago gigantea</i>	Early Goldenrod
<i>Stachys sylvatica</i>	Hedge Woundwort
<i>Tilia cordata</i>	Small-leaved Lime
<i>Tifolium pratense</i>	Red Clover
<i>Trifolium repens</i>	White Clover
<i>Urtica dioica</i>	Nettle
<i>Vicia cracca</i>	Tufted Vetch
<i>Vicia sepium</i>	Bush Vetch

Appendix B. Volunteer Hours

Dalston in Bloom Volunteer Hours

	Nbr	Hours	Living WageRate/Hour	Value
Stephanie Diver *	1	500	£7.50	£3,750.00
Pat Jackson	1	350	£7.50	£2,625.00
Station Gardeners	1	60	£7.50	£450.00
Ronnie Auld	1	250	£7.50	£1,875.00
Liz Auld	1	50	£7.50	£375.00
Alan Dinning	1	100	£7.50	£750.00
Volunteers	40	10	£7.50	£3,000.00
Bobby and Anne Nichol	1	200	£7.50	£1,500.00
Jubilee Gardeners	1	100	£7.50	£750.00
Cemetery Working Group	1	25	£7.50	£187.50
Administration	1	25	£7.50	£187.50
Dalston Surgery	1	500	£7.50	£3,750.00
Unknown Volunteer Time	10	35	£7.50	£2,625.00
Grand Total		2205		£21,825.00

* Daily and very difficult to estimate. Annual mileage about 1000