



# Annual Report 2021 - 2022

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# Welcome to CALC's annual review

It is my pleasure to welcome you to CALC's 2021/22 annual review.

The first half of 2021 was another tough one where individuals, families and communities were forced to reassess how to be together. The situation improved, thanks to the Covid-19 vaccination programme and fewer imposed restrictions.

Town and parish councils helped their communities to exit this period of crisis in a stronger position, particularly in terms of tackling the effects of climate change. The articles in this review demonstrate how committed town and parish councils are to improving their local environments from Great Salkeld planting hedgerows, Kendal expanding their allotments and Lorton and Lowca making gardens, through to Millom working with HMP Haverigg to transform neglected waste ground.

There are more challenges ahead, including the local move to a new unitary council landscape, war in Ukraine, soaring energy costs and the cost-of-living squeeze to name but a few. However, town and parish councils are experienced and well positioned to enable their residents to weather the storms, even in dark times.

As the first tier of local government, town and parish councils occupy a unique place and have the drive to create positive opportunities for the communities they serve, with great things to come.

I hope you enjoy reading this annual review and that you continue to remain proud of being part of Cumbria Association of Local Councils.

**Councillor Sue Castle-Clarke | Chairperson, CALC**



This year there has been quite a bit of change at CALC, we have said goodbye to Sam Bagshaw who left us in January 2022 after working for CALC for just over 5 and a half years. We all wish Sam well in her future endeavours and thank her for the service she gave to CALC, her calming influence will be missed. As a result of Sam's leaving, I applied for the role of Chief Officer and was appointed in January 2022, hopefully my background in senior management within the NHS will help with the transition from my previous role to that of Chief Officer

In addition to staff changes we have continued to deliver our training and undertake CALC meetings virtually as we are still dealing with the aftermath of Covid and concerns from more vulnerable members about meeting in person.

We have also seen the creation of two Shadow Unitary Authorities, Cumberland Council and Westmorland and Furness Council, when The Cumbria (Structural Changes) Order came into force on 18<sup>th</sup> March 2022. The CALC Executive Committee has prepared for this change and discussions with both Shadow Authorities on the role of parish and town councils and parish meetings in the future were instigated at the end of the year. CALC has also held a number of virtual events for parish and town council and parish meeting members to attend with key speakers from the interim Shadow Authorities providing updates on the work of the Programme Board and we continue to circulate the Local Government Re-organisation (LGR) Newsletter on a weekly basis.

CALC is also very supportive of national initiatives that need to be delivered and we have been keen in the last year to support member councils with information on biodiversity for example to assist them to meet their duty under the Environment Act, holding virtual free events across the whole of Cumbria. You will find examples of the work being undertaken by member councils as part of this review which I hope you will find both interesting and inspiring.

Kind regards,

**Sonia Hutchinson** | Chief Officer, CALC

## Thanks to our supporters

We would like to thank our member councils for their membership subscriptions. We are also extremely grateful to the following local authorities for their continued financial support, which is greatly appreciated.



292,089

of the electorate in Cumbria live in parishes that are CALC members

98%

of Cumbria's parish councils are members of CALC (228 out of 233)

71%

of Cumbria's parish meetings are CALC members (24 out of 34 total)

6

District Associations offering members opportunities to link locally

16

Executive Committee members from across the county leading the association

5

part-time employees (Chief Officer, Town & Parish Development Officer and 3 Parish Support Officers)

1000+

queries from members across Cumbria answered during 2021/2022

226

councillors and clerks from across Cumbria trained during 2021/2022

1

town councils' professionalism recognised under the Local Council Award Scheme

£7,551,856

raised in precepts during 2021/2022 by Cumbria's town and parish councils

30

district association meetings arranged

The CALC Executive Strategic Management Plan 2020 - 2025 helps us prepare for the future.

## Our Vision

For Cumbria's Local Councils and Parish Meetings to be indispensable to their community.

## Our Mission

Cumbria Association of Local Councils will be future focused and member led to support, promote and develop local councils within Cumbria for the benefit of those who live, learn and work within their parishes.

## Our Objectives

- Manage the organisation effectively to ensure it remains financially sustainable
- Maintain the current membership level
- Provide mentoring for new clerks
- Expand guidance for local councils in line with new legislation and the emerging priorities of our partners and communities
- Publicise the activities and achievements of local councils to the general public
- Raise the profile of the Local Council Award Scheme
- Demonstrate the benefits of a qualified clerk to increase uptake of the Certificate in Local Council Administration
- Facilitate performance improvements within local councils by delivering relevant, more varied and reflective training
- Harness the skills and experience of CALC Executive Committee

## Our Values

- Leadership
- Openness
- Integrity
- Accountability
- 'Members first'



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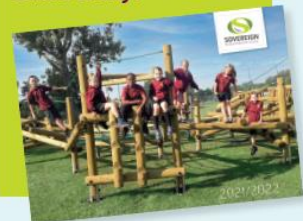
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# CALC doing more for our members

One of our core values is 'members first' and we have listened to what you have asked for:

- YES** ➤ We finally approved a number of CALC policies and procedures aimed at improving the governance arrangements for CALC.
  
- YES** ➤ We have continued to send members regular updates on Local Government Re-organisation, national updates from NALC and information from partner organisations.
  
- YES** ➤ We produced a new CALC Newsletter which is far more member focused with articles and profiles from member councils, which has been positively received.
  
- YES** ➤ We have extended the variety of training courses and virtual events that we provide to include topics you have said are of interest.
  
- YES** ➤ We met with 5 Cumbria MPs as part of 'Lobby Week', more details to follow later in this review.
  
- YES** ➤ We renewed our partnership with Steve Parkinson Associates for financial advice and Wellers Hedleys Solicitors for legal advice, as we know you value their input.

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Parish and Town Councils across all areas of Cumbria have been working with their communities to improve the environment in their parishes. Below are just a few of the projects that we know about and would like to share with you:

## [Great Salkeld Parish Council - Queens Green Canopy Campaign](#)

The announcement of the 'Queen's Green Canopy Campaign' to mark Her Majesty's Platinum Jubilee, provided the perfect impetus for Great Salkeld Parish Council to start a long-term project that will bring benefits to wildlife, bio-diversity and local residents.

For many years, Great Salkeld Parish Council has leased a field they owned for grazing. With increased awareness of the benefits to the environment of allowing green spaces to develop more naturally, it was decided to open it to public access and transform it into a community asset.



An advisory committee researched and considered ideas from local residents for the space. This included a plant survey by volunteers, which revealed the land comprised degraded meadow, dispersed throughout with native flowers such as Meadow Cranes Bill, Pignut and Knapweed. A local dairy farmer provided some cows to graze down the rough grass while a plan for the space was devised for parish council approval.

The plan included the planting of hedges to provide food and shelter for wildlife, wild flowers to support insects and soft fruit bushes and trees for foraging animals and humans. Mown paths and benches were added to make this field into a pleasant stop off point for passers-by.

Great Salkeld Parish Council also secured hedgerow packs of some 420 saplings from the Woodland Trust, which local residents planted around the perimeter of the field known as Otteriggs. The mix included elder, rowan, hazel, blackthorn and crab apples that are all classic hedgerow plants that will help create habitats in which wildlife will thrive.

The chair of the Otteriggs Committee who remembers the land being open from his childhood said the project presents an opportunity to turn a piece of parish land into something everyone can enjoy rather than being closed off and used for one purpose only.

## [Work undertaken by Wigton Town Council to increase biodiversity and mitigate against climate change](#)

### Creation of Throstle Park

In late 2021 Wigton Town Council set an ambitious plan to transform an unused, flood prone field into a new wildlife park. A small group of councillors worked hard to develop the new recreation area which was focused on improving habitats for wildlife. A 30-metre long wildlife pond was created and volunteers from 'Wildlife for Wigton' and local Sea Scouts helped the council by planting over 1000 native trees around the boundary of the new park, all of which are registered as part of the Queen's Green Canopy scheme. In March a local carer nominated Wigton to have a beautiful willow arbour created by willow artist Phil Bradley built with help from some volunteers. In May Wigton joined 100 other locations across Cumbria to take part in 'The Big Plant'. Not only does this new park attract runners, walkers and bike riders, it has attracted extensive new wildlife.



## Improvement of Phoenix Park

Funding was obtained to plant over 25 mature trees to form a community orchard in Phoenix Park, which is also the location of wonderful flower beds full of annuals, perennials and small shrubs created by Cllr John Hamblin over last two years. These beds join the bee and butterfly garden and a wildflower patch in making the park really pleasant across the seasons.

## Waterway improvements and flood mitigation at Speet Gill

Tree planting and balsam bashing took place again this year along the section of the gill nearest to Wigton Baths with more extensive planting taking place with the co-operation of a local farmer who gave Wigton Town Council access to a large section of land that borders the gill to provide further flood mitigation.

## Wiza Beck

In a council backed project, volunteers planted trees along the Wiza Beck. Wigton Town Council also worked closely with West Cumbria Rivers Trust, who undertook large scale river bank restoration along the Wiza Beck using willow structures.



## Wigton Cemetery's wonderful wildflowers

Councillors John Hamblin and Mary Clark have worked tirelessly on developing space for wildlife at Wigton Cemetery to attract pollinators around the borders and this year's display has been outstanding. Alongside the wonderful planting at the garden of remembrance, their work has really made a difference for visitors of any species.

## Lowca Platinum Garden 2022



In response to social distancing requirements, Lowca Parish Council decided on an outdoor project that would involve community volunteers. The council identified a large strip of grass kerbside complete with a section of castellated wall, which is also part of the Sustrans 72 track, as suitable for a 'Get Cumbria Buzzing' application. From the top of this area there are also magnificent views over Parton Bay. One difficulty was that it was owned by Copeland Borough Council but the parish council successfully negotiated to take over the maintenance of the land, which would include a wildflower area.



Lowca Parish Council has started development work on the land between the southern entrance to the village and the Stamford Hill junction. Copeland Borough Council previously cut the flat areas but the middle had become overgrown. Their aim is to create a balance between nature and a more attractive, welcoming approach to the village.

Lowca was chosen to participate in the 'Big Plant' as part of the 'Get Cumbria Buzzing' initiative and were given 150 wildflower plugs to plant in the flat area close to the Stamford Hill sign. Village volunteers, young and old, managed to plant all of them and sow a full bag of seeds within an hour.



The community is keeping the grass cut, using trimmers and a lawn mower, with the offer of a loan of a ride-on mower too. Copeland Borough Council has offered a bench for the verge, from which there will be the best views towards the sea.



Lowca Parish Council is now also in dialogue with Cumbria County Council to have a name sign installed at the southern end to the village, as part of their plans to plant up a flower feature using a boat or a fire engine. There is also a proposal to develop a raised bed that will spell out L-O-W-C-A.

Managing and maintaining road verges is a long-term project that is already delivering great results. Active involvement with the Sustrans charity to make changes in the area to their track 72 will further enhance the southern entrance to the village and provide the constant stream of touring cyclists with a positive memory of the parish.

## Kendal responds to the Climate Emergency

In October 2021, members of Kendal's Citizens' Climate Jury agreed 27 recommendations to answer the question "What should Kendal do about climate change?". Kendal Town Council is now working alongside partners and citizens to implement the diverse list of recommendations, for example:

- The town council is working in partnership with Cumbria Action for Sustainability on Solar Made Easy Kendal, an initiative which will make it easier for residents and businesses to get solar panels installed on their roofs.
- To increase local food production the town council is currently implementing an allotment expansion scheme, which will enable more residents to grow their own food.
- The town council is also taking part in an electric cargo bike trial led by South Lakes Action on Climate Change, which will see the council's Townscape Manager demonstrating the ease and benefits of this increasingly popular alternative.

Since holding the Citizens' Jury, Kendal Town Council has also begun to offer funding for projects which support biodiversity and nature recovery, through its Biodiversity Grants. To date, Biodiversity Grants have funded projects including wildflower planting at Somervell Gardens, as well as a Biodiversity Patch on Belmont (both pictured), where volunteers have facilitated the transformation of a previously unloved space which had been regularly sprayed with herbicides into a thriving oasis for birds and insects. Its success is evident from the number of plant species now found there - while last year 20 native plant species were observed, this has now more than doubled.



Wildflowers at Somervell Gardens, Kendal



Belmont Biodiversity patch, before



A bumblebee enjoying self-seeded Devil's Bit Scabious at Belmont Biodiversity Patch in August 2022.

Field poppies are amongst the 40+ native species that the Belmont Biodiversity Patch volunteers' natural management has allowed to thrive on the patch,



## Lorton's Platinum Jubilee Garden

After two years of planning, in Lorton a hidden spot filled with brambles and saplings was turned into a new community garden. A volunteer cleared soil, uncovered cobbles and built new beds. Another volunteer built new benches from scrap wood, while others planted up the garden. Their work created a calm and pleasant oasis which everyone is always welcome to sit in and enjoy.

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To this hidden gem



## Workington Environmental Responsibility

Feenans Allotments Before



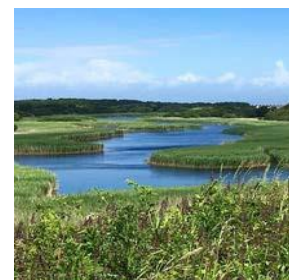
and After



These allotments are now totally self-managed by a committee of allotment holders. A large allotment site has been totally rejuvenated and worked on with Cllr Will Wilkinson and the local junior school pupils aged between 7-11 years. Funding has been acquired by Cllr Wilkinson from a number of different grants along with donations from local businesses.

## Siddick Ponds

Siddick Ponds is a Site of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI) and Local Nature Reserve (LNR) and one of Cumbria's most important bird sites. The combination of extensive reed bed and two large ponds - one freshwater, the other brackish (a mix of fresh and saltwater) - contributes to the variety of species using the site and is unique in Cumbria, attracting a distinctive community of birds throughout the year. The Friends of Siddick Ponds group are instrumental in the maintenance and upkeep of Siddick Ponds.



## Grow Well - Horticultural Achievement

'Grow Well' was chosen as one of 100 sites in West Cumbria and along the A66 corridor to plant wildflowers, creating a habitat to attract pollinating insects. Grow Well is a charity and provides some amazing opportunities for hands on horticultural experience for volunteers and the public

The partnership is designed to support the natural environment in and around Workington by undertaking a wide range of conservation activities of the town's nature reserves, parks, open spaces, woodlands and access networks. The initiative provides a great opportunity for volunteers of all ages and abilities to get involved in improving the land on their doorstep.

## Bee Happy Garden - ongoing project



Bee Happy Wildlife Garden - in the near future, a 'Bee Happy' garden will be added to the park which will be a fenced off area for pollinators and other wildlife. Workington Town Council will be working with the local community to get the garden created installing bug hotels, bat & bird boxes, hedgehog houses, as well as planting pollinator friendly plants, shrubs and trees. The garden will include a sensory area with a selection of 'Sunday roast' smells.

## Welcome Back Fund



Workington Town Council obtained funding from the government's welcome back fund to help make town centres more attractive and to encourage wildlife and biodiversity. The council has installed 10 new planters in the town centre, increasing the wildlife/pollinator corridor available and also providing new seating for people to enjoy.



## Trim Trail ongoing project



Vulcan Park, owned by Workington Town Council, currently has an adult gym, which is very underused and is becoming unusable. Plans are in place to remove the gym and create a wooden environmentally friendly trim trail

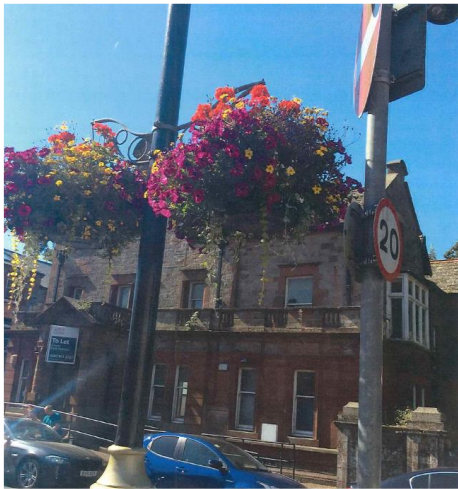
## Workington Nature Partnership - a joint venture between Workington Town Council and Allerdale Borough Council.

The partnership is designed to support the natural environment in and around Workington by undertaking a wide range of conservation activities of the town's nature reserves, parks, open spaces, woodlands and access networks. The initiative provides a great opportunity for volunteers of all ages and abilities to get involved in improving the land on their doorstep.



In 2021-22 Workington achieved a Gold Standard for Bio-diversity.

## Millom Nature Partnership



Millom Town Council have over the last 12-months set up their own Environment Working Group consisting of 6 town councillors and at present 1 member of the public. The group was set up to look at ways they can help with the global warming and environmental issues around the parish of Millom and Haverigg. It maintains close links with Natural England and Dynamic Dunescapes looking at improving Natterjack toad breeding areas, identifying flora and fauna on the dunes, coastal erosion and maintaining the control of gorse on the sand dunes along with ongoing management of the adjacent countryside.

During this time, they have carried out the following:

- Embarked on a yearly tree planting scheme, planting approximately 500 trees, plus approximately 200 daffodils in the last 3-years in liaison with the Woodland Trust (Pictures 1 & 2 below)
- Been involved with the HMP Haverigg working parties in restoration of neglected waste ground around the old slag bank area -this is a valuable nature area. (Picture 2 before re-seeding after clearing & Picture 3 now)
- Provided flower displays in and around the town of Millom town, Cenotaph and the village of Haverigg which provide additional pollinator sites for bees, insects etc. (Pictures 4,5 & 6)
- Have provided equipment and support to litter pick groups, The Environment Working Group and Deputy Mayor

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## District Associations Activities

There are a range of meetings held in each district for our member councillors and clerks who are all welcome to attend.

Some are ‘three tier’ meetings, meaning representatives of the local borough or district council and county council are present. These are sessions to discuss local issues such as highways, devolution of assets, community governance reviews or proposed changes to the local plan, for example.

Some District Associations choose to do things differently and hold meetings which their members have asked for. These often involve officers from borough or district council and county council but they can involve representatives from other partner organisations, such as Natural England.

Whenever CALC believes that a topic is going to be delivered in one area which other areas would benefit from, then parish support officers work together to ensure that everyone has a chance to attend such a meeting, irrespective of where you live.

## Lobby Week 21st to 25<sup>th</sup> March 2022

‘Lobby Day’ is an integral part of the National Association of Local Councils’ advocacy programme to promote local councils to parliamentarians. It takes place annually and involves representatives of county associations and the National Association of Local Councils meeting with Members of Parliament (MPs) and peers (Lords). As part of this year’s ‘Lobby Week’ initiative, CALC’s Chief Officer, Chair and Vice-Chair met with 5 local Members of Parliament:

- Simon Fell (Cons) Barrow in Furness
- Tim Farron (Lib Dem) Westmorland & Lonsdale
- John Stevenson (Cons) Carlisle
- Neil Hudson (Cons) Penrith & the Border (accompanied by Personal Assistant, Gillian Barnes)
- Mark Jenkinson (Cons) Workington

and raised the following matters which we know from your feedback are of interest and concern for you:

- The Local Electricity Bill
- Rural Housing
- Legislation to enable virtual meetings for parish and town councils
- Local Government Re-organisation and ‘Levelling Up’

A full report on the event and the actions that the MPs agreed to take can be found in the April 2022 edition of the CALC News on the CALC website.

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# CALC working with partners

CALC's Chief Officer attends the following meetings to ensure that each group is aware of the needs of the parish and town council sector:

- **Cumbria Chief Executives** - strategic, county-wide issues.
- **The Electoral Administrators Cumbria group** - includes election officers from all areas who discuss the legal / procedural requirements for elections, including changes being driven by LGR.
- **NALC County Officers** - around 43 county officers join NALC's legal team to discuss issues in their areas.
- **Lake District National Park Partnership Forum** - Over 25 partner organisations meet quarterly to discuss progress on the Management Plan and other impacts on the Lake District such as climate change.
- **Annual Review meetings** - with Chief Executive Officers in each District / Borough Council, the County Council and representatives from the new Shadow Unitary Authorities.

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## The Local Council Award Scheme

This year, we are pleased to be able to congratulate Ainstable Parish Council on achieving the Local Council Award at Foundation level.

This is an accreditation scheme for all parish and town councils run by the National Association of Local Councils whereby the achievements of the council are peer reviewed by a highly qualified panel.

The Chief Officer of Cumbria Association of Local Councils, Samantha Bagshaw, was delighted to present the certificate to the Chairman of Ainstable Parish Council, Councillor Nigel Year, and the Parish Clerk, Kimberley Lawson, on Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> August 2021. Standing in front of one of the several new cast-iron finger posts installed by the Parish Council, Cllr Year said.

*“Ainstable is an ambitious and forward-looking parish council serving the villages of Ainstable, Croglin, Newbiggin, and Ruckcroft, the communities of Dale and Longdales, and the surrounding farms and houses. The parish council is dedicated to working with and serving our communities to the very best of our ability. Achieving this award is a welcome recognition of the dedication and hard work of the parish clerk and the parish councillors.”*

By achieving the Foundation Level Award, Ainstable Parish Council has shown that it is performing at a national standard of professionalism, being forward thinking and proactive, listening to its residents and working for the benefit of its community. The Local Council Award Scheme has been designed to celebrate the successes of the very best parish and town councils, and to provide a framework to support all such councils to improve and develop to meet their full potential. The scheme offers councils the opportunity to show that they meet the standards set by the sector and have been assessed by their peers. It is available at foundation, quality and quality gold levels. It is awarded in recognition of a local council's professionalism and ability to do their best for the community they serve. Many of the councils in Cumbria are already working at foundation level and quality level so if your council is interested in applying for the Local Council Award Scheme, please contact Rachael Kelly, Town and Parish Development Officer [Rachael.Kelly@cumbria.gov.uk](mailto:Rachael.Kelly@cumbria.gov.uk) or email [office@calc.org.uk](mailto:office@calc.org.uk)

## Certificate in Local Council Administration

The Certificate in Local Council Administration is a foundation qualification for clerks. Having a CiLCA-qualified clerk should be the aim of all councils, as it gives confidence that you are receiving up to date, accurate advice. With two thirds of your council members elected (not co-opted) and your clerk CiLCA-qualified, your council becomes eligible for the General Power of Competence, which widely expands your powers to achieve things for the community. In the last year Rachael Kelly has become qualified as a CiLCA trainer and our course has been revamped to work virtually. The course provides guidance on the layout of your portfolio, which templates to use and guidance on where to access the legislation.

Sandie Watson (parish clerk at Dufton PC) attended the CiLCA training last year and has the following to say about the course and support she received:

*“The CiLCA online course was informative and presented with a friendly, relaxed, encouraging and flexible approach. The handout materials were concise, although there is still a significant requirement to complete your own research. This is due to the qualification criteria relating to the council that you work for.*

*I especially found the mentoring was key to my success. I developed a good rapport with my mentor whose encouragement, knowledge, experience and guidance were invaluable”.*



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## Membership of CALC

- ✓ Timely advice on any aspect of local council work, by email or by phone if it is urgent
- ✓ A bi-monthly newsletter, emailed to councils and councillors, providing information and guidance on current issues relevant to local councils
- ✓ The provision of a range of publications, both digital and hard copy, on local council work
- ✓ A CALC website to provide information about all parishes to the general public, as well as downloadable information and guidance for exclusive use by local councils (clerks and councillors)
- ✓ Providing guidance on new government legislation, for example, the Coronavirus regulations, revised Code of Conduct and the General Data Protection Act.
- ✓ An annual training programme
- ✓ Access to conferences on topics of interest to parish councils working in partnership with principal authorities.

## Membership of NALC

- ✓ Specialist legal advice on complex issues
- ✓ Bulletins on legal issues, new government policies and other matters
- ✓ Access to the NALC website
- ✓ Promoting government support for the parish tier of local government
- ✓ Lobbying government for changes to assist the work of local councils
- ✓ Responding to a large number of consultations from government and government agencies on policies and proposals that affect local councils
- ✓ Being the national 'voice' of local councils in the media, in government and amongst opposition political parties
- ✓ Publication of the 'Local Council Review' - available to councils and councillors.

## CALC Staff



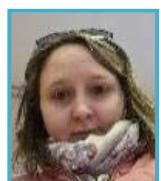
**Samantha Bagshaw**

Chief Officer - Until January 2022



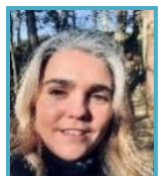
**Sonia Hutchinson**

Chief Officer - from January 2022 Parish Development Officer and Parish Support Officer for Carlisle & Eden District Associations - until January 2022



**Rachael Kelly**

Town & Parish Development Officer from February 2022



**Lindsay Nicholson**

Parish Support Officer for Carlisle and Eden District Associations from February 2022



**Chris Shaw**

Parish Support Officer for Allerdale & Copeland District Associations



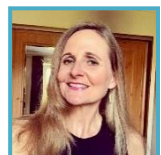
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Parish Support Officer for South Lakeland and Barrow District Associations until 31<sup>st</sup> March 2022



**Karen Wood**

Freelance administrator



**Kate McGibbon**

Project Officer- Resilience from March 2022

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## CUMBRIA ASSOCIATION OF LOCAL COUNCILS RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022

Receipts	2022 £	2021 £
Affiliation Fees	58,964	56,377
Sale of Publications	271	143
Sale of Local Council Review	238	289
Local Authority Grants	47,885	44,885
Training	8,313	7,262
Zoom Accounts	-	1,787
Deposit Account Interest	143	177
Sundry Income/Conference	-	400
CCC Grant Resilience Project	37,000	-
Radioactive Waste Management	1,488	-
	<b>154,302</b>	<b>111,320</b>

### Balances at 1 April 2021

Deposit Account	32,851		32,833	
Current Account	40,578		35,534	
Cumberland Building Society	<u>52,618</u>	<u>126,047</u>	<u>52,459</u>	<u>120,826</u>
		<u>280,349</u>		<u>232,146</u>

Payments	2022	2021
NALC - Affiliation Fees	21,761	20,769
Publications	309	346
NALC Local Council Review	154	198
Printing and Stationery	565	960
Travel and Subsistence	-	99
Meetings	1,279	1,268
Bank Charges	105	65
Salaries and expenses	63,626	66,424
Pension Payments	1,440	1,920
Accountancy Fees	798	774
Honoraria	500	500
Training	4,608	3,688
Sundries	40	40
Insurance	330	330
Fingertips - Agency Costs	8,502	7,805
Conference	96	-
Postage/Phone	91	180
Recruitment	1,785	-
Subscriptions	600	600
Zoom accounts	124	2,053
Radioactive Waste Management	953	-
	<b>107,666</b>	<b>106,099</b>

### Balances at 31 March 2022

Deposit Account	32,855		32,851	
Current Account	87,070		40,578	
Cumberland Building Society	<u>52,758</u>	<u>172,683</u>	<u>52,618</u>	<u>126,047</u>
		<u>280,349</u>		<u>232,146</u>

We certify that the above Receipts and Payments Account for the year ended 31 March 2022 is correct and in accordance with the best of our information given to us and as shown by the books.

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