

Report from Sue Sanderson County Councillor April 2016

Connecting Cumbria can give speeds over 50Mbps. More cabinets have been put in our villages and more people are accessing superfast broadband, however there are still areas where this is not the case. Tim Farron has had several meetings with Connecting Cumbria and locally Anna Jones has been working on residents' behalf. Several Parish Councils have been pushing to get an equal service across the Division.

Cumbria Highways

From discussions with CumbriaHighways I understand that there is a commitment for a 40mph limit and arrangements to prevent parking on verges at Fell Foot Park. Reported potholes on road to High Cark were filled in. Raised the issue of the need for a sign warning lorries about narrow lanes at Ayside. The advisory sign at Newby Bridge is at the design stage. All the member's funding for this financial year has been committed for the Division including a grit bin up Canny Hill, which has been a request that Rod and I have dealt with individually for the past two years, complaints about drainage etc. at Canny Hill have also been reported to Highways. There is a working group established through the LAPs to improve communications with and from Cumbria Highways.

I have attended several meetings with the Environment Agency and the County Council about the floods : bridges are a key part of the resilience planning and Newby Bridge, Backbarrow Bridge and Low Wood bridge will be part of this work. The catchment area is the Kent/Leven and the director is Celia McNally. I have also attended meetings of the Windermere Lake Levels group to discuss future flood resilience.

Highways England

I had contacted them about concerns by residents about the impact of closing A590 for four nights on the village. I also spoke to the County Council and Highways England about the appearance of cycle signs without prior communication with the village.

Grants through Neighbourhood Forum:

Grants were awarded by the County Council : Lower Holker Village Hall, Cartmel Fell Community Trust. Local Committee awarded a grant to the Cartmel Township Initiative.