

## Murton Parish Council Annual Parish Meeting

### **Chairmans Annual Report 2024**

#### **New Councillor**

William Patterson was co-opted on to Murton Parish Council in May 2023. William brought with him a wealth of experience from his time as an Eden District Councillor and chair of the District planning Committee. His time in planning is especially useful when we come to consider local planning applications

#### **Highways.**

Keisley bridge was damaged and after much chasing finally repaired.

Hilton Bridge was damaged and still awaiting repair.

The battle with potholes is an ongoing one.

Don't forget anybody can register road issues on the Highways website.

#### **Bridges over Murton Beck**

At long last the repairs to the two bridges over Murton Beck have been undertaken a good job done.

#### **The Cemetery.**

##### *Grass cutting*

Fix It 4Eden (4Eden (formally Eden Mencap Society) is a local charity providing support, services, and opportunities throughout the Eden Valley giving work to people with learning difficulties and Autism. They continue to do a first class job maintaining the grass areas.

### *Storm Damage*

The Cemetery wall was storm damaged again, repairs have been booked. It's a bit like the Forth bridge, a never ending round of work

### *Cemetery clean Up*

Once again a band of volunteers gathered to clear the tree debris and generally tidy up the Cemetery, a total of 15 man hours was given by the volunteers.

### *Memorial Wall*

If anybody would like to have a plaque on the wall to commemorate a deceased relative then please contact our Parish Clerk – June Watson, [clerk@murton.org.uk](mailto:clerk@murton.org.uk).

### **Annual litter pick**

A small band of volunteers undertook the annual litter pick collecting some 24 bags of litter my thanks to those volunteers.

### **Verge Trimming**

Five of us undertook to cut back the overhanging vegetation between Hilton bridge and Langton Gate that manages to scratch our cars as we pull over to allow other vehicles to pass

### **Appleby Horse Fair**

Following the public meeting that took place MASCG were invited to attend our February Parish Meeting, where our concerns were discussed. I had a follow up meeting with Laura McClellan Traffic Manager Team Leader Westmorland and Furness Council and took her to see the area of concern. It has been confirmed that a Traffic Regulation Order will be put in place prohibiting parking on Murton Village Green enforceable by the Police.

### **Councillor Training**

In February Councillors undertook a refresher delivered by CALC

## **Grant for Bench replacement**

Thanks to June who successfully applied for a Westmorland and Furness Council grant which means the PC has received £2000 from the Community Grants fund for 5 replacement benches in the Parish.

## **Parish Council Electronic Mailing List**

The PC electronic mailing list is building slowly, sign up to receive information about the PC's activities direct to your inboxes.