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Appleby Horse Fair Pre-Fair Drop-In Event
Appleby Town Hall
13th May 17:00 – 20:00

Format of the drop in

The Pre-Fair Event was organised by Westmorland & Furness Council on behalf of the Multi Agency Strategic Coordinating Group (MASCG). The opening remarks were followed by a flexible layout, where members of the public in attendance were free to move around the hall to talk to representatives from a range of agencies and council departments relevant to Appleby Horse Fair.

Cllr Lorna Baker (Westmorland & Furness Council Member for Eden and Lyvennet Vale and Chair of the Eden Locality Board) introduced Claire Notman (Chair of MASCG and Senior Manager Communities, Westmorland & Furness Council) and Detective Superintendent Dan St Quintin (Appleby Fair Gold Commander for the police operation).

Claire Notman; replacing Steph Cordon (Director of Thriving Communities) as Chair:

- Informed attendees that MASCG meets throughout the year, with aim of making the fair as safe as possible, considering licensing, environmental health, street cleaning, waste management, trading standards, and traffic management from a council perspective.
- Highlighted officers from those teams were in the room and available as well as Elected Members from W&F and Appleby Town Council, and policing, and representatives from the Gypsy, Roma and Traveller community.
- Asked attendees with specific questions to direct them to the relevant agency/person at the appropriate table. If attendees preferred, they could ask herself or a colleague who would direct appropriately for a response and highlighted the paper forms in the room should anyone want to reach out this way.
- Thanked the outgoing chair and made a commitment to continue strong engagement with all communities.

Dan St Quintin as Appleby Fair Gold Commander for the police operation.

- Welcomed everyone and reiterating that the agencies and council departments in the room were ready to answer any questions attendees had.
- The Police operation will be broadly the same as last year but with the introduction of Live Facial Recognition Vans.
- Dan explained what Live Facial Recognition Vans were and how they would be used.
- He reaffirmed that the police are aiming to prevent trouble by targeting the minority in every community.

Agencies in attendance

- Cumbria Constabulary
- Highways (Westmorland & Furness Council)
- Environmental Protection including Licensing and Trading Standards (Westmorland & Furness Council)
- Street Cleaning and Waste Management (Westmorland & Furness Council)
- Safe & Strong Communities (Westmorland & Furness Council)
- Appleby Town Council
- Gypsy, Roma, Traveller Representatives



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- Elected Members from Westmorland & Furness Council representing Appleby and Brough, Kirkby Stephen and Tebay and Eden and Lyvennet Vale

Number of attendees

Attendance at the pre-fair event was **approximately 27 people.**

Issues raised and actions taken

1. Clean up post Fair

Several residents requested more thorough cleaning / sweeping citing specific areas:

- Footpath sweeping on Long Marton Road and under A66 bridge.
- Garbridge Lane
- The disused railway; Appleby.
- Munriggs footpath

2. Access

There were several queries in relation to access in and around Appleby. A resident from Burrells expressed concerns surrounding the junction due to the lack of fence post installation because of new underground services in the area. Additional bunding would be put in place.

Brough Parish Council requested a block be installed in turning areas of Church Brough. The council had an offer from a local farmer to collect / store the block and position it in future years. This offer would be addressed via email.

Several Appleby residents queried the 1-way systems and asked for clarification on parking restrictions and road closures. The Traffic Management Plan was explained advising them free copies of the 26-page plan were available at Appleby Tourist Information Centre.

Residents from Croft Ends and Burrells expressed frustration about the spacing of the roadside posts, while others questioned the use of posts. They were advised that the posts enabled enforcement action to be taken against the restrictions. They were further advised that there will be a Police Hub at Croft Ends, constant patrols and a CCTV camera.

A resident had concerns regarding the speed of traffic and contravention of the one-way system on Station Road that passed the primary school. Officers agreed to consider the restrictions; seeing if improvements could be made and emphasised the seriousness the Police place on the enforcement of the one-ways systems.

A resident from Roman Road requested that congestion on the road be addressed, particularly at school times. Highways and Police are working closely to improve the situation and decrease congestion.

3. Parking

A request was made to enforce parking regulations on Castlerigg Lane; off Long Marton Road. Whilst another resident asked about enforcement action at Croft Ends. Officers responded to their questions noting that there will be a Police Hub at Croft Ends, constant patrols and a CCTV camera.



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A resident of The Sands expressed concerns surrounding the loss of parking and the areas proposed for resident parking. Officers explained details of the scheme, how residents could get permits, where the available parking was and the dates the scheme was operational. They reiterated this was a new scheme and they welcomed the residents feedback after the fair.

4. Horse tethering

A family in Appleby asked what was happening at The Midland regarding the tethering of horses. The family said they had received good feedback from The Midland. An officer explained that tethering at The Midland will be the same as previous years with the road closure to enable tethering off the properties.

2. Policing

The owner of a children's nursery raised concerns about a traveller encampment near their premises. Inspector Mo Bibby has started conversations with nursery about working together to identify solutions to the issues raised at this location.

An Appleby resident asked if camping was legal and would be allowed again on the disused railway again this year. Officers will follow this up with the Carlisle to Settle Line.