

Kirkby Ireleth Parish Council  
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**A5902**

A work order to address the state of the road at Beanthwaite has now been issued and work should start soon.

**A595**

Although funding for the work at Grizebeck hasn't yet been signed off, the Parish Council have been told by County Councillor Matt Brereton, that all the bodies involved still view it as a priority. Parish Councillors will continue to push to get all of the A595 problems sorted.

**SLDC update**

Discretionary business grants have now closed but more funding may be forthcoming. If you need to contact SLDC their Customer Connect programme now means that much can be done on line. They are hoping to resume normal green bin collections (i.e. two weekly) in the future. They are dealing with littering, fires and vandalism in the Lake District. N.B. As a result, please note that the road along the east side of Coniston Water is now CLOSED.

**Youth Club**

If anyone would like to see a village youth club, either to attend or to help out, please contact Cllr. Winstanley on [winstanley3729@google.mail.com](mailto:winstanley3729@google.mail.com)

**Motorcycles**

The recently reported issues with youths on motorbikes has been reported to the police.

**Planning**

There have been no planning applications or notifications to the Council this month.

**CGP Parish Council Trust Fund**

There has been no meeting in June, however, a grant of £2,500.00 has been made to Kirkby Cricket Club towards buying a new tractor to pull the gang mower.

For application forms for grants to Parish organisations or individuals, please contact:

Mr. M. McPherson, 1, Combe Crescent Tel: 889382 or see the Kirkby website <http://kirkby-in-furness.org>



**My income has dropped due to coronavirus and I'm struggling to keep up with all of my bills. I rent my house from a private landlord and pay all the usual bills - electricity, water, and Council Tax. How best can I juggle them, and is there any help I can get from the government?**

If your income is reduced because of coronavirus, you should check whether you're entitled to sick

pay or benefits. You can check your eligibility for both sick pay and benefits on the [Citizens Advice website](#). If you're already on existing benefits, [these might also increase](#).

If you're struggling to pay rent, talk to your landlord straight away. You should explain the situation and could ask for more time to pay, a temporary reduction in rent, or ask to catch up any missed payments by instalments. If you contact South Lakes Citizens Advice an adviser can help you explain things to your landlord. If you can't come to an agreement with your landlord, it's a good idea to pay what you can afford and keep a record of what you offered.

The government passed an emergency law which means landlords have to give you three months notice to end certain tenancy types from 26 March. The court service has suspended all possession action for 90 days from 27 March. This means that even if you have been served a notice for eviction it's unlikely it can be enforced during this time. You can find out more about what to do if you're being evicted for rent arrears on the [Citizens Advice website](#).

If you already claim Housing Benefit, you should tell the council your income has reduced. If you don't claim it already, you might be entitled to [help with housing costs from the government](#).

When it comes to your utilities, you should contact the provider as soon as possible. Depending on the type of bill, they may be able to arrange a payment plan, or they may have schemes in place for people in financial hardship. You should also talk to your local council - as your income has changed you might be entitled to a council tax reduction.

If you're struggling to pay multiple bills, it's important to prioritise energy bills and council tax over credit card bills. This is because the immediate consequences of not paying these things are much more serious. [South Lakes Citizens Advice](#) can help you with this.

***Free, confidential advice and help is available from South Lakes Citizens Advice on any aspect of debt, consumer problems, benefits, housing, employment or any other problems. We can give detailed advice over the phone – telephone 03444 111 444. For email see our website: [www.southlakescab.org.uk](http://www.southlakescab.org.uk). We have various outlets across South Lakeland if an appointment is required. For Money Advice and for on-going enquiries please call 015394 46464.***