

Wigton Town Plan

2020-2025



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Introduction

'The Throstle's Nest of all England' . . .

THE PURPOSE AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF WIGTON TOWN COUNCIL

The Town Council exists to improve the economic, social and environmental well-being of the people of Wigton. The Council provides leadership through community governance and engagement in a democratic and representational way. The Town Council manages its own facilities and services in an efficient, effective and responsive way, at an affordable cost. Where facilities and services are provided by others, the Town Council seeks to influence how they are managed, in accordance with the desires and ambitions of the community.

The Town Council comprises 15 volunteers, and has responsibility for several community assets such as parks, play areas, allotments, cemetery (in partnership with Waverton and Woodside Parish Council), St Mary's Churchyard, amenity sites, CCTV, public conveniences, events and much more besides.

The Council employs two administration officers and a team of four groundsmen who manage the work of the Council and assets through various committees comprising of nominated councillors. The Town Council is also contracted to maintain grounds for a number of outside bodies within the town and surrounding area.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT STRUCTURE

Cumbria County Council (CCC) are responsible for Health, Highways, Education, Fire, Adult & Children's Services, Trading standards, Social Care.

Allerdale Borough Council (ABC) are responsible for Planning & Building Control, Environmental, Regulatory Services, Benefits, Council Tax Collection, Parking, & Waste Collection

OUR VISION FOR WIGTON

As a Key Service Centre, our vision for Wigton is 'a place where people want to be' – alive with centres of excellence, open to business and providing an integrated, safe, healthy community built on a foundation of managed development. A guiding principle of delivering our vision is the strong desire to create a sustainable community, enjoyed by present and future generations, that balances environmental, social, cultural and economic needs.

A SAFE AND HEALTHY COMMUNITY is about identifying, promoting and co-ordinating measures within our local community to provide opportunities for everyone in Wigton to enjoy a safe and healthy lifestyle.

BUSINESS & ECONOMY is about establishing and enhancing Wigton as a good place to be in business; providing a vibrant community of sustainable businesses, which offer a good selection of goods and services for its residents and create opportunities for local people to gain worthwhile employment.

HERITAGE/CULTURAL is about promoting Wigton's heritage, charm and innovation to attract creative industries and jobs, and leisure visitors. Wigton is ideally located on the fringe of the North Lakes, in close proximity to the English Lake District World Heritage Site, and gateway to the Solway coast.

A SAFE AND HEALTHY COMMUNITY

| | | Timeframes | Partners |
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| A SAFE AND HEALTHY COMMUNITY | Objectives | | |
| | To install CCTV in the Town Centre | Within 6 months | Cumbria Police |
| | To improve the Streetscene and grasscutting of public areas | Ongoing | ABC/CCC/Public |
| | Sports and Leisure: | | |
| | To develop facilities at Barton Laws | Within 1 Yr | Football Foundation ABC/Funders/Community |
| | To Support Wigton Baths Trust | Ongoing | ABC/Parishes/Community |
| | To support local Clubs | Ongoing | Community |
| | To maintain & improve Parks & Woodlands | Ongoing | N/A |
| | To promote cycle ways | Ongoing | CCC |
| | Allotments | | |
| | Acquisition of new allotments in East End | Within 6 months | West Cumberland Farmers |
| | Encourage uptake and promotion of open Allotment site | ongoing | N/A |

BUSINESS AND ECONOMY

| | | Timeframes | Partners |
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| Business and Economy | Objectives | | |
| | Encourage people to use local facilities | Ongoing | Local business/ABC/Local Clubs and groups |
| | Short term free car parking on Water St | Ongoing | ABC |
| | Explore provision for caravan/motor home Short stay parking | Ongoing | ABC |
| | Market – Continue to Support | Ongoing | ABC |
| | Supporting Infrastructure Policies | Ongoing | ABC/CCC |
| | Revise and expand Town Trail leaflet | Within 1 year | ABC/Community |

HERITAGE/CULTURE

| | | Timeframes | Partners |
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| Heritage & Culture | Objectives | | |
| | Promote Wigton as a Historic Market Town & its conservation area | Ongoing | ABC |
| | Promote Wigton's location on the edge of The Lake District World Heritage site & gateway to Solway Coast | Ongoing | CCC/ABC |
| | Build on and support the established events held in Town (Spring Fling, Carnival, Christmas Festival) | Ongoing | ABC |