

# **PENNINGTON PARISH COUNCIL CHAIRMAN'S STATEMENT 2019**

Pennington Parish is very lucky to have a dedicated group of people who have worked extremely hard to produce a Community Led Plan. The journey commenced with guidance from Cumbria County Council and ACTion with Communities in Cumbria. A Community Led Plan questionnaire was produced, completed by residents and the results collated. Superb paintings depicting the parish were produced by Pennington School pupils to appear on the completed Community Led Plan document. The existence of this plan, and the resulting identification by residents of the desire to improve the Rufus Lane Bridleway, has enabled the parish council to obtain partnership funding from Cumbria County Council to carry out improvement work. The parish council would also like to thank District Councillor Andrew Butcher for his very kind contribution to the project from his Locality Budget. Results from the Community Led Plan questionnaire were also presented to the Highways England representatives at the drop in session for the proposed Cross-a-Moor roundabout. This was well attended with residents providing their opinions.

The Ulverston Road telephone box, adopted by the parish council, has been converted into a well used book exchange. The ground floor room in the Parish Rooms has been redecorated. This was to store the funeral bier, funded by parish contributions about a century ago, which required re-housing but which has found a new home in the parish church.

This year the council saw the departure of Nicolaas Fockema and Peter Fockema from their number.