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Penrith & The Border Constituency Labour Party

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This new member briefing paper is designed to welcome new Labour Party members and to provide helpful information that may be needed to get started.

Here in the **Penrith & The Border CLP** we want to help new members make the most of being part of the Labour Party and to become involved in activities of their own choosing. Whatever the level of participation, we want members to feel comfortable, confident and relaxed with their involvement. The following pages are designed to assist you to become familiar with your branch and the wider party.

LABOUR is a great movement for national and international campaigning, social justice and economic opportunity, fairness and democracy.

LABOUR is also a great grassroots movement, working for change at local level, through campaigns on such issues as our health services, our schools and housing, the environment and climate change.

LABOUR is looking to win, to gain greater influence on local authorities as well as Parliamentary power.

YOU can help, because people together in the Labour Party can really make things happen. We can fight economic and social inequality. We've started the fightback and you can help Labour to get back in charge.

We hope to welcome you to one of our CLP meetings in the near future.



Welcome to the Penrith & The Border CLP Labour

Thank you for joining the Labour Party and welcome to Penrith & The Border CLP. We hope you enjoy being with us and join in our campaigns to make life better for ordinary people in our district. Inequality is greater in our society now than ever before and we want to fight this in our Constituency.

Our CLP monthly meetings take place on the third Thursday of each month except for August and December - except for September when it will be on the first Thursday of the month. The meetings start at 7:15 pm and are held in different venues around the constituency but most often in Penrith: check our website for details. You will also receive a personal notification by email – or ask the CLP Secretary. Our **monthly meetings** are friendly and varied and there is usually some ‘social time’ at the end so that members can get to know each other. We intend to have discussions, debates, **social events** and campaign meetings. Our meetings are an opportunity to decide what issues we want to focus on as a CLP and plan how to take action and **plan campaigns**.

If you have an **issue you want to discuss** the best way to do this is to add an item to the agenda. This ensures that there is time allocated in the meeting for you to share your thoughts and discuss it with other members. Just email or speak to the CLP secretary.

We are a friendly and polite group of people but that doesn't mean we always agree! These meetings are a great place to respectfully **debate** with other members about all sorts of topics. We understand it can be daunting coming to your first meeting. However, we promise it's worth overcoming the nerves to meet a group of **like-minded people** and to start making a positive difference in your community. Why not arrange to come along with other members of your Branch?

Each month you will be emailed an agenda for the coming meeting and the minutes of the previous meeting. We do have some printed copies at the meeting though we encourage members who intend to attend the meeting to print their own agenda and minutes.

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Things to Do Now.....

Facebook

Why not like our Facebook page?

<https://www.facebook.com/PBCLP/>

And then join our Facebook group? Go to the address below and press the 'Join' request button.

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/pbclp/>



Loomio

Loomio is an online virtual community for constituency members where we can say hello, discuss hot topics and ask newbie questions. To join, click here:

<https://www.loomio.org/invitations/76be25f92fea17779ced>

Please use your real name – we will check that you are a member.



Membersnet and Your Britain Websites

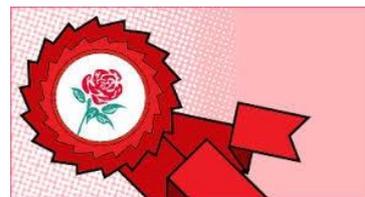
Once you have your Labour Party membership number (on the card you have been sent through the post) you can register for **membersnet** which will then also act as the 'Your Britain' login. Head to the webinar library to see training videos on all sorts of topics and to sign up for live webinars. If you are interested in shaping policy, Your Britain is the place to do it.

<https://members.labour.org.uk/webinar-library>
www.yourbritain.org.uk



Ask a Friend to Join

Do you know someone who shares our values and might want to join? Share the story of why you joined as this is the thing most likely to persuade them to do the same.



Volunteer

Members up and down the country are getting out into their communities to talk to residents about the issues that they care about - and they are making a difference. To get involved, go to the web address below or call the number on your membership card.

labour.org.uk/volunteer



Use Your Expertise to Develop Policy

It is important that the Labour Party's policies are informed by the expertise, interests and passion of the members. Contribute your views and ideas at the web address below or talk to one of your Branch officers to find about local policy forums.

policyforum.labour.org.uk

Become a Labour Candidate

We represent the people within our communities because **we are the people**. Our representatives come from a range of backgrounds and there's no such thing as a *typical Labour candidate*. So, if you want to make a difference in your local area, then speak to us in the local party about how you can become a candidate in the future.



Campaigning

The local party is involved in a range of campaigns, some briefly and some over a long period, some local, some national. For example, local issues may include protecting our local NHS facilities from cuts and ensuring that any constituency boundary changes are fair and coherent. National issues will include Brexit negotiations, defence, education. Very often, national issues will also be local issues as Government policy always affects us locally.



Election Canvassing & Leafleting

During national and local election campaigns we encourage members to get involved with delivering leaflets and knocking on residents' doors to engage them in a discussion about key Labour Party policies. This is very important as most of the newspapers almost always support the Tories and, if this is the only source of information, voters do not get to hear the more fair, practical and sensible policies that we offer. Our policies aim to improve the lives of everybody unlike the Tories who improve only the wealth of the better-off in society.



Party Language

There are a number of terms, names and acronyms that people use that describe different elements of the organisation. The following paragraphs explain some of those that you will hear most often.



The Constituency Labour Party or CLP

A constituency is a defined area that is represented by a Member of Parliament (MP). There are 650 constituencies across the UK, though this is currently under review. The people who live in a constituency are called constituents. In a general election, constituents vote for who they want their MP to be. You are in the Penrith & The Border Constituency. Within each constituency there is usually a Constituency Labour Party or CLP: the CLP campaigns for their constituency's Labour Party candidate at election time and work towards that goal at all other times. The CLP comprises a number of local Labour Party branches: our CLP branches are Alston Moor, Brampton & Area, Eden & Penrith, Upper Eden and Wigton. The CLP is run by its officers and has meetings that are open to all members in the constituency every month.

The Branch Labour Party or BLP

The CLP is split into smaller groups called the Branches, made up of people living in your more immediate area. Each Branch elects two delegates to the Executive Committee of the CLP.

Executive/Exec/Executive Committee (EC)

The Exec is those elected officers who take responsibility for different aspects of running the CLP and are elected each year at the Annual General Meeting (AGM). These include the six executive officers (chair, secretary, vice-chairs, treasurer and women's officer) and other roles such as youth officer, disability officer, etc, see above.

The Executive Committee consists of the six executive officers and two delegates from each branch.

Annual General Meeting (AGM)

Each year Annual General Meetings are held by the CLP and the BLPs. Elections for Executive positions (Chair, Vice-Chair, Secretary, Treasurer) are held at the AGM and the Executive also reports back on the previous year and discusses the vision for the forthcoming year.



Agenda and Minutes

The agenda is a list of what we plan to discuss during our meetings, and minutes are a record of what is discussed. The agenda is set by the chair and secretary in consultation with officers and members. The Secretary is responsible for recording the minutes: our CLP currently has a Minute Secretary.

Labour Party Structure at Local Level

How the party works and how you can have influence locally

Branch Labour Party (BLP)

Your local Branch is usually based on the ward boundaries for the election of councillors. A lot of Labour Party activity takes place at branch level. Labour members can take part in choosing local council candidates. Your Branch Labour Party (BLP) is one of the five branches that make up the Constituency.



Branch activity

Your local branch (BLP) is there to bring the Labour Party to your community. Branch members are involved in residents' associations, youth clubs, sports clubs, trade unions and other bodies. Much of the time, branch meetings are taken up with discussing local problems and national politics. The branch keeps the Labour representatives informed about local issues and the views of the members about national issues.

Branches are often involved in the following:

- Distributing literature on behalf of the Party and sometimes publishing its own newsletter
- Fundraising
- Selecting delegates to represent it at Constituency Labour Party meetings and proposes delegates for National Conference.
- Choosing candidates for local elections
- Inviting Labour Councillors, trade unionists and other public representatives to their meetings to keep in touch with their work.
- Monthly meetings

At election times, the branch plays a vital role. It uses its resources to work for the election of Labour Representatives. Before the campaign, members help select the candidate. During the campaign, members work day and night electioneering, which includes canvassing, poster campaigns, on-line communication, issuing statements and leaflets in support of the Party and its candidates.

Penrith and The Border Constituency Labour Party (CLP)

The Constituency is based on the electoral area for the election of Members of Parliament (MPs) and is made up of five branches. The CLP chooses the members from your area to represent you at annual conference and helps select the parliamentary candidate. Our CLP consists of:

- Alston Moor BLP
- Brampton and Area BLP
- Eden & Penrith BLP
- Upper Eden BLP
- Wigton BLP

There is a CLP website which also has sections for each of our five branches.

<https://www.penrithborderlabour.org.uk>

Constituency activity

The responsibility for running the Party in the constituency rests with the Constituency Labour Party (CLP). The CLP elects officers to co-ordinate its activities, and its officers meet on a regular basis. It brings together representatives of all branches in a constituency, coordinates the work of the Party in the constituency, organises campaigns, publishes literature explaining Party policy and promotes Labour Party candidates. It also organises debates on national issues and invites guests to address its meetings which are open to all members. The CLP can also help to form new branches and can also organise a Women's Forum and a Black, Asian and Minority Ethnic (BAME) Forum with the approval of the NEC. Young Labour is aimed at 14-26 year olds, who can organise themselves if they so wish and have their own meetings.

Local Campaign Forums

Local Campaign Forums are established to co-ordinate the activities of CLPs and branches in order to seek to contest all seats in each electoral area to secure the return of Labour councillors.

Cumbria Local Campaign Forum

The Cumbria Local Campaign Forum works towards the election of councillors onto Cumbria County Council.

Membership of the Cumbria Local Campaign Forum is based on a model advised by the National Executive Committee with agreement of the Regional Office (Labour North). Therefore the Leader and Deputy Leader of the County Labour Group are members of the forum along with CLP Chairs and/or Secretaries and the CLP Campaign Co-ordinator.

The purpose of the CLCF, in terms of County Council elections, is to:

- Oversee the recruitment and selection of a panel of potential candidates (in accordance with Appendix 4 of the Party's rule book).

- To work with the Labour Group to organise opportunities for individual members, branches, trade unions, affiliated organisations and community organisations to enter into dialogue with the Labour Group on current local government policy issues and ideas for the Party's future programme, manifesto and campaign strategy.

The work of the CLCF tends to start approximately 18 months before the County Council elections.

Once the panel of potential candidates is agreed, the ward members in the relevant Branch choose candidates from this panel that they would like to interview to stand as the candidate in their area.

District Elections

This CLP covers all of Eden District Council and some of Carlisle City Council and Allerdale District Council. Members in the Brampton and Area branch will work with the Carlisle Local Campaign Forum to choose candidates and campaign to get them elected. Wigton branch will work similarly for the candidates in Allerdale. The Eden Local Campaign Forum helps branches and members choose and elect candidates for Eden District Council.

Rule Book

The Labour Party has a rule book which outlines procedures and rules for its activities. If you are interested the rule book can be found at the following link.

https://www.penrithborderlabour.org.uk/rule_book2018

The latest rules and procedures are available to members here:

<https://members.labour.org.uk/rules-and-procedures>

Labour Party Structure at National Level

How the party works and how you can have influence Nationally



Body	Role	How You Can Influence
National Policy Forum (NPF)	The NPF and the seven policy commissions make sure that the direction of Labour policy reflects the broad consensus in the party. The representatives that make up the body liaise with the members, supporters and public who submit to Your Britain. NPF representatives will respond to submissions made, ask questions and engage in on- going debate about the issues that matter to you, feeding them back when the NPF meets to move our policy forward.	<p>Logon to www.yourbritain.org.uk to read about policy, submit your ideas and comment on other peoples'.</p> <p>Vote for the NPF candidates</p> <p>Be an NPF candidate</p>
National Executive Committee (NEC)	Made up of representatives from each section of the party - government, MPs, MEPs, councillors, trade unions and CLPs. Members vote for their CLP representatives in a ballot each year. The NEC sets the party's objectives and oversees the running of the party nationally.	Vote for the NEC candidates to decide who sits on the NEC
Annual Conference	The ultimate authority in the party, Conference decides the policy framework from which the next manifesto will be drawn and sets party rules. Conference considers the policy papers prepared by the policy commissions after consulting local parties. Members choose delegates to represent them at conference - and those delegates could include you.	<p>Vote for who will represent the CLP at conference by being a delegate</p> <p>Put yourself forward as a delegate so you can go to conference</p>

Useful and/or Interesting Websites

www.labour.org.uk	The official Labour Party website
members.labour.org.uk	Log on to watch training webinars and find events
www.penrithborderlabour.org.uk	The Penrith and the Border CLP and BLPs website
www.facebook.com/PBCLP/	The Penrith and the Border CLP Facebook page
www.loomio.org/g/QJeSi9f1/penrith-the-border-labour	Virtual constituency discussion group for all Penrith and the Border CLP members.
twitter.com/Penrith_Border	The Penrith and the Border CLP Twitter feed
www.facebook.com/groups/pbclp	The Facebook Group for the Penrith & the Border Constituency Labour Party.
www.lwn.org.uk	Labour Women's Network
http://party.coop	The Co-op Party supports the Labour Party and often MP's are sponsored by them. You can be in both parties
www.38degrees.org.uk	A campaigning group that organise on-line petitions.
www.stopwar.org.uk	Stop the War Coalition
fawcettsociety.org.uk	Women's Rights Group which has a very legal side to it
www.fabians.org.uk	Britain's oldest political think-tank
www.standuptoracism.org.uk	A campaign group against racism
www.thepeoplesassembly.org.uk	A national campaigners group against austerity who often arrange transport to protests
www.hopenothate.org.uk	Research, community organising & grassroots actions to defeat hate
www.politicsresources.net/are/uk/man.htm	Party manifestos from 1945 to present for Labour, Lib Dems and Conservative parties (and a few others)
www.politicsresources.net	A helpful resource with historical election results, manifestos and information on American politics
http://mycommunity.org.uk	Want to save a local community landmark? This is a helpful site to use and engage with like-minded people
www.europarl.europa.eu/portal/en	Official site of the European Parliament



Penrith & The Border Parliamentary Constituency

For Parliamentary Elections (General Elections), our Parliamentary Constituency, known as Penrith & The Border Constituency, takes in the areas of the Eden District Council and parts of the areas covered by Carlisle City Council and parts of the area of the Allerdale Borough Council.

Allerdale Borough Council:

Warnell, Wigton,

Carlisle City Council: Brampton, Great Corby and Geltsdale, Hayton, Irthing, Longtown & Rockcliffe, Lyne, Stanwix Rural

Eden District Council:

Alston Moor, Appleby (Appleby), Appleby (Bongate), Askham, Brough, Crosby Ravensworth, Dacre, Eamont, Greystoke, Hartside, Hesketh, Kirkby Stephen, Kirkby Thore, Kirkoswald, Langwathby, Lazonby, Long Marton, Morland, Orton With Tebay, Penrith Carleton, Penrith East, Penrith North, Penrith Pategill, Penrith South, Penrith West, Ravenstonedale, Shap, Skelton, Ullswater, Warcop

General Election 2017: Penrith and The Border

Party	Candidate	Votes	%	±
Conservative	Rory Stewart	28,078	60.3%	+0.6%
Labour	Lola McEvoy	12,168	26.1%	+11.7%
Liberal Democrat	Neil Hughes	3,641	7.8%	-0.7%
UKIP	Kerryanne Wilde	1,142	2.4%	-9.8%
Green	Doug Lawson	1,029	2.2%	-3.1%
Independent	Jonathan Davies	412	0.8%	+0.8%
	Majority	15,910		
	Turnout	46,548	71.5%	+4.1%

General Election 2015: Penrith and The Border

Party	Candidate	Votes	%	±
Conservative	Rory Stewart	26,202	59.7	+6.3
Labour	Lee Rushworth	6,308	14.4	+1.4
UKIP	John Stanyer	5,353	12.2	+9.4
Liberal Democrat	Neil Hughes	3,745	8.5	-19.9
Green	George Burrow	2,313	5.3	+5.3
	Majority	19,894	45.3	+20.4
	Turnout	43,921	67.4	-2.5

Cumbria County Council

Cumbria County Council represents the 6 Districts of Cumbria: Allerdale, Barrow, Carlisle, Copeland, Eden and South Lakeland. There are 84 representatives on Cumbria County Council as follows:

Allerdale	16
Barrow	11
Carlisle	18
Copeland	12
Eden	9
South Lakeland	18



The County Council is responsible for the more strategic local services of the county, including schools and learning, libraries and youth services, health and social care, highway maintenance, waste disposal and recycling, emergency planning, consumer protection and libraries and archives. You can find out more by going to this link: <https://cumbria.citizenspace.com/>

We have two councillors in the Penrith & the Border constituency on Cumbria County Council.

- Claire Driver, Alston and East Fellside
<http://councilportal.cumbria.gov.uk/mgUserInfo.aspx?UID=3685>
- Roger Liddle, Wigton
<http://councilportal.cumbria.gov.uk/mgUserInfo.aspx?UID=1589>



District Councils

The Local Government Act of 1972, which came into force on 1 April 1974, introduced a two-tier system of local government consisting of County and District Councils.

The Local Government Act of 1992 provided for this structure of local government to be reviewed, resulting in recommendations for the establishment, in some areas, of unitary authorities to discharge local authority functions previously administered by County and District Councils. In other areas, including Cumbria, the existing two-tier system has been favoured for retention and district councils continue to provide recreation facilities, housing and cemeteries, organise refuse collection and street cleansing and deal with building regulations and development control (planning). District Councils are also responsible for collecting the rates/community charge/council tax and compiling registers of electors.

Some district councils applied for permission to be called borough councils. Cumbria has the following District Councils.

We have two councillors in the Penrith & the Border constituency on district councils:

- John Crouch, Wigton, Allerdale Borough Council
<http://democracy.allerdale.gov.uk/mgUserInfo.aspx?UID=20>
- Lissie Sharp, Alston Moor, Eden District Council
<https://democracy.eden.gov.uk/mgUserInfo.aspx?UID=405>

ALLERDALE DISTRICT/BOROUGH COUNCIL

Allerdale, in central Cumbria, borders the sea in the west and reaches to Kirkbampton, Thursby, Caldbeck, and St Johns Castlerigg in the east. Southward it claims Borrowdale and Buttermere. Allerdale has 61 parish councils.

www.allerdale.gov.uk

BARROW-IN-FURNESS BOROUGH COUNCIL

The district of Barrow-in-Furness is located in the south-west of the county. Its border is defined in the south by Morecambe Bay; in the west by the sea; and in the North by Askam-in-Furness. It includes the towns of Askam-in-Furness and Dalton-in-Furness. Barrow-in-Furness has three parish councils.

www.barrowbc.gov.uk

CARLISLE CITY COUNCIL

Carlisle district lies in northern Cumbria and is defined by the adjacent border with Scotland in the north and Northumbria in the east. The district encompasses the city of Carlisle and stretches southward to Dalston, Wetheral, and Cumwhitton parishes and east to Nether Denton, Upper Denton, and Kingwater parishes. Carlisle has 38 parish councils.

www.carlisle.gov.uk

COPELAND BOROUGH COUNCIL

Copeland starts on Cumbria's western coast and stops at the boundary with South Lakeland district. In the north it includes Distington and Lowca parishes; southward it takes in Millom. Westward Ennerdale and Kinniside, Wasdale, Eskdale, and Ulpha parishes are governed by Copeland. Copeland has 30 parish councils.

www.copelandbc.gov.uk

EDEN DISTRICT COUNCIL

Eden, in eastern Cumbria, begins at Durham county's border and covers an area from Hesket and Ainstable in the north to Tebay, Ravenstonedale, and Mallerstang in the south. Westward it takes in Patterdale, Threlkeld, Mungrisdale, and Castle Sowerby parishes. Eden has 75 parish councils.

www.eden.gov.uk

SOUTH LAKELAND DISTRICT COUNCIL

South Lakeland stretches from Cumbria's border with Yorkshire to Copeland and Barrow districts. South Lakeland covers an area from the Lakes, Kentmere, and Sedbergh in the north to Aldingham, Grange-over-Sands, Casterton, and Dent in the south. In the west it begins at Duddon and reaches to Garsdale and Dent in the east. South Lakeland has 88 parish councils.

www.southlakeland.gov.uk

Who provides which services

Services provided by the District Councils

- Affordable Housing, Homelessness and Housing Advice
- Building Control
- Business Rates collection
- Council Tax collection
- Car parking and on and off street parking enforcement
- Town Centre management
- Markets
- Electoral Services
- Economic Development
- Household rubbish and recycling collections
- Housing Benefit payments
- Environmental Health and Services, e.g. noise, pest control
- Leisure Services including sport and leisure centres
- Licensing and street trading
- Planning
- Tourism

Services provided by Cumbria County Council

- Adult education
- Blue/car badges
- Concessionary travel
- Children's Services
- Education Services
- Environment and Planning
- Emergency planning
- Fire
- Health and social care
- Household waste recycling centres
- Libraries and Archives
- Police

- Public rights of way
- Public transport services
- Registration of births, deaths, marriages and civil partnerships
- Strategic planning and some planning applications
- Transport Roads and travel including potholes, signage and gritting
- Trading Standards
- Waste Recycling Centres

Town and Parish Councils

There are also town and parish councils within our area. Here are links for town councils for Kirkby Stephen and Penrith to see examples of what they do:

<https://www.kirkby-stephen.com/index.php/town-council/councillors-meetings-and-minutes>

<http://www.penrithtowncouncil.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2016/04/160417-ATM-report-15-16-FINAL-.pdf>

What do town and parish councils do?

- Give views, on behalf of the community, on planning applications and other proposals that affect the parish
- Undertake projects and schemes that benefit local residents
- Work in partnership with other bodies to achieve benefits for the parish
- Alert relevant authorities to problems that arise or work that needs to be undertaken
- Help the other tiers of local government keep in touch with their local communities.

Members of the European Parliament (MEPs)

The European Parliament is made up of 751 Members elected in the 28 Member States of the enlarged European Union. Since 1979, MEPs have been elected by direct universal suffrage for a five-year period. Each country decides on the form its election will take, but must guarantee equality of the sexes and a secret ballot. EU elections are by proportional representation.



Seats are allocated on the basis of population of each Member State. Slightly more than a third of MEPs are women. MEPs are grouped by political affinity, not nationality.

What do MEPs do?

MEPs are our elected representatives in the European Union. Their job is to represent our interests and those of our region in Europe. They do this by listening to people with local and national concerns, to interest groups and businesses. Where necessary, they question

and lobby the Commission and the Council of Ministers. Above all, MEPs pass laws that affect many aspects of our lives, for example:

- how many hours employees throughout the EU can be required to work and how much rest and holiday they must be given;
- which pesticides are safe to use on the food grown in the EU;
- how much you pay for mobile phone calls when you go to another EU country;
- how to use and label Genetically Modified Organisms;
- making children's toys safe;
- the safety of thousands of chemicals used in everyday manufactured goods such as TVs and sofas;
- cleaning up the air we breathe and the water we drink and swim in;
- getting health care in another EU country either on holiday or when the queue is too long in your own country;
- making it easier to study at university in another EU country.

Our region's eight Members of the Our European Parliament (MEP's), listed below, were elected in 2009 by proportional representation. They represent the North West as a whole.

- Theresa Griffin (Labour)
- Afzal Khan (Labour)
- Julie Ward (Labour)
- Jacqueline Foster (Conservative)
- Sajjad Karim (Conservative)
- Louise Bours (UKIP)
- Paul Nuttall (UKIP)
- Steven Woolfe (previously UKIP)

For more information on the EU:

The EU information office - <http://www.europarl.org.uk/>

The European Parliament

website:



<http://www.europarl.europa.eu/>