

# TEMPLE SOWERBY COURIER

## **Superfast Broadband in Temple Sowerby**

Connecting Cumbria is running a programme of workshops to make people aware of the business and social benefits of superfast broadband. This is getting more important as economic and demographic trends across Cumbria are not optimistic and raise significant challenges for us:

- Cumbria population is forecast to decline over the next 20 years.
- 31% of the working population in Eden is earning just the living wage (or less).
- Working Population is declining (by 16% over the next 20 years).
- More people under 30 are leaving Cumbria than staying.
- We are getting older and need more support- the number of people 65+ will increase by nearly 50% and half of people over 65 have a disability or special healthcare needs.

Temple Sowerby already has Superfast Broadband.. Improving internet use shows value and opportunity for people; and also for business creating new career opportunities, with better deals, health and social welfare. Support will be more independent and reduced social isolation can help transform people's lives.

Businesses that go online grow faster than those not on line and they create twice as many, better paying jobs.

Allhallows Council and Connecting Cumbria are organising a workshop, to discuss all this for businesses and people.

The workshop is at the Village Hall on Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> January 2018 at 7.00p.m. To book a place (or ask any questions) please contact [info@connectingcumbria.org.uk](mailto:info@connectingcumbria.org.uk), or just turn up on the night. Look out for posters and postcards with more information.

## **Temple Sowerby Cricket Club**

The Cricket Club was founded in the 1950s and has played since then at our

field on the northern edge of the village. From humble "village cricket" beginnings our teams have played all over the county in a variety of leagues; most recently in the four division Eden Valley Cricket League. The simple timber pavilion belies the thriving status of the club. Over the last few years astute awareness of available funding has enabled us to purchase a wide range of equipment. The most crucial development was purchasing our field. This enables us to progress to our ultimate goal of building a new pavilion appropriate for the club for which a planning application has been lodged.

We have over 50 players. Our 2 senior weekend teams compete in the league's 1<sup>st</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> divisions; our first X1 were champions in the 2014 season. The junior team plays in the under elevens. We also have a midweek team – a blend of youth and experience – competing in a local 20 / 20 Penrith league. James Farmer with the assistance of qualified coaches runs a thriving junior coaching section with over 60 children attending weekly.

All clubs need "background staff" and we are fortunate to have groundsmen, tea ladies, general helpers and part time builders, plumbers and mechanics who between them ensure the smooth running of our club. We must applaud our regular sponsors without whom much of our financial development would be impossible.

We are always pleased to welcome new members young or old.

## **Flower Show 2017:**

This showed a small profit which will help the 2018 Show. The Committee members are very grateful to all those who helped &/or entered exhibits.

2018 gardening dates:-

Flower Show AGM Wed. 31<sup>st</sup> January  
Flower Show Sat. 11<sup>th</sup> August

## **N.B. Victory Hall AGM 30<sup>th</sup> January**

**Remember to visit and use our website [www.templesowerby.org.uk](http://www.templesowerby.org.uk)**