4th
December
2024

CUMBRIA CONSTABULARY

Appleby Extraordinary Parish Meeting

1. 2024 Headlines and Quotes

Police results 2024 – 102 arrests, 93 vehicles seized, 450 stop searches, 500+ tickets

1. Cordial atmosphere
2. No firearms incidents for 3rd year
3. Far more proactive policing in Phase 1
4. Targeting minority of criminals and trouble makers from all communities set the tone

‘The atmosphere reflects the way in which it was policed’ local Appleby resident

‘People relaxed because they knew it was a safe environment’ Gypsy, Roma Traveller person

2. Overview

My Intention as Gold Commander for the Police Operation 2025 is to act impartially to:

1. Keep people safe
2. Work closely with partners and all communities
3. Proactively target the minority of criminals and trouble makers in all communities of the fair – so the law abiding majority could enjoy it and did not feel too disrupted
4. Road Safety
5. Positive but targeted enforcement

3. Brief Points of Law and from History

- There is no legal mechanism to abolish the New Fair, other than possibly an Act of Parliament.
- 1911 – Lord Hothfield gave the 38 acre Fair Hill field to Appleby Borough Council to divest his responsibility, with his probable aim being to prevent the Fair from happening.
- But… horse trading and camping continued on the roadside verges near Fair Hill and the ‘New Fair’ continued to take place.
- This action had the effect of the New Fair having no owner or organiser.
- 1965 – Traffic congestion became such a problem, county, district, borough councils, local clergy, police, along with Gordon Boswell from the Gypsy community, met with the aim of getting the Fair off the roadside verges. The outcome was an agreement in 1966 that Fair Hill would be open to be used for New Fair camping.

4. Fair Hill Usage 2024

358 Caravans
(405 in 2023)
+ Accompanying Vehicles

Please Remember…

1) Fair cannot be banned
2) Most roads were clear
3) Proactive operation at School
4) 1 serious incident

5. Consequences of Not Using Fair Hill

If Not Fair Hill,where Will All This Go When it Arrives?

1. Affects my ability to keep people safe and deliver my strategy.
    - Keeping groups separate and mitigating risk
    - Banning letter process affected
    - High volumes of people to manage, no cost of street parking
    - I can police Fair Hill 24/7 with officers supported by stewards
    - Issues around preventing access to Fair Hill – Private Security
2. Severe disruption to road network and blue light routes
3. Increase in local community experiencing anti-social behaviour
4. More police incidents happening on the streets of Appleby
5. Police costs will increase significantly – bad feeling generated – different atmosphere.