

Northern Fells Group

Local Help & Information to all Residents
during the Coronavirus outbreak

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A further piece of information on **SCAMS**: If you have been contacted by phone and if you are in any doubt about the caller, hang up and call the organisation directly. If possible, call them from a different phone as scammers can sometimes keep the phone line open, so that even if you hang up and call an organisation directly, the line may still be connected to the scammer. If it's not possible to use another phone then it is best to wait for at least 10 minutes before you call.

Dan Thompson, son of Alan & Sheila and grandson of Verna and the late Brian Thompson (both Alzheimer's) set off yesterday in horrid weather and is cycling from Lands' End to John o' Groats AND climbing the 3 Peaks en-route for Alzheimer's and hopes to finish by the 2nd Sept. If you would like to support him, he has a just giving page www.justgiving.com/fundraising/dan-thompson29 we all wish him good luck.

Let's all hope Dan and his team are better bikers than the one in the following poem which I received from a resident.

I am a litter picker finding litter left by bikers
They're the ones with yellow jerseys and long black shiny lycras
Their road sense is appalling, behaviour not fantastic
Their bottles thrown in dyke and hedge are usually made of plastic
So come on chaps improve your Act and do us all a favour
Don't leave your litter in my hedge and be a better neighbour.

With lots more people getting out walking and cycling (possibly following government guidelines to reduce obesity and get the country fit and reduce the strain on the NHS) or, maybe just because we have always been fairly fit and healthy in this part of the world anyway! But there is a huge increase in litter on the sides of the road unfortunately dropped by visiting rambblers, dog walkers, cyclists and motorists --- and a local secret beer drinker as they never take their cans home!! Let's all make an effort to clean up our countryside, (and that does not mean you have to walk the highways and byways with a litter picker, although much appreciated if you do) but be more aware and if needs be when you see litter being dropped remind them that **its theirs – not ours** and to please take it home with them. More than two million pieces of litter are dropped in the UK every day. The cost to the taxpayers for street cleaning is over £1 billion a year. Litter is anything from a crisp packet or cigarette butt to a bag of rubbish. All litter is unsightly and makes our local areas look untidy and uncared for. The most frequent litter items include fast-food packaging, sweet wrappers, drinks cans, bottles and cigarette butts. Litter does not clean itself away. It can take years to degrade, causing harm to wildlife and habitats. The food that people drop – whether it is half-eaten burgers, chips or apple cores - can attract pigeons and vermin such as rats and mice. Research shows litter contributes to further crime and that people feel less safe in areas that are littered. **DROPPING LITTER IS ILLEGAL**. People who drop litter can be fined or face prosecution in court. Authorised officers have the power to issue a fixed penalty charge of up to £80 for a litter offence, as an alternative to prosecution. If the offender is prosecuted and convicted in court, the fine could rise to £2,500.

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