

The Cumbria Way: our manifesto

About The Way generally

1. *The Way* is the newspaper of the Church in Cumbria. It is produced in partnership between the Church of England Diocese of Carlisle, the Methodist District of Cumbria, the United Reformed Church in Cumbria and Churches Together in Cumbria. Through Churches Together in Cumbria, we ensure coverage of and distribution to the Roman Catholic, Salvation Army, Baptist Union of Great Britain, Church of Scotland, Quakers and independent churches.
2. Our purpose is to reflect the Church in Cumbria to itself and to our communities more widely.
3. We do not seek to promote any particular theological viewpoint, but rather aim to stimulate debate on current issues through featuring a balance of writers from a variety of church traditions and denominations, and from society more widely.
4. We will carry out a reader survey at least once every three years to ensure our readers approve of and enjoy *The Way*.
5. *The Way* editorial team is made up of representatives from across the denominations. It works with a wider reference group made up of senior clergy, denominational representatives, Churches Together in Cumbria, and church-goers from across the county.
6. While we are happy to consider unsolicited submissions, we operate largely on a system of commissions and do not guarantee to publish any materials received. The Editor's decision is final.

Each issue will:

1. Be themed: this gives coherence.
2. Feature a cover letter from a senior church leader in the county, these letters being allocated on a rolling basis to cover all the denominations.
3. The content will include:
 - at least one article involving the church's work with children and young people
 - at least one human or faith interest story, showing someone motivated by their faith into practical action
 - a *By the Way* from every church or parish that has sent its magazine to the Editor.