

Crosthwaite and Lyth WI

Report to Annual Parish Meeting 22nd April 2024

Crosthwaite and Lyth WI had our usual busy year, with a full programme of events and activities. I'm please to report that we have had a small and pleasing increase in membership numbers and that 2023 marked our 95th Anniversary. We continue to meet on the 3rd Wednesday evening of the month and also hold social events and trips out during the first week of each month, usually in the afternoon.

During the year we have continued to support village activities, and have provided teas at the village show and a cake and produce stall at both the Strawberry Tea and Christmas Fair. We were also one of the organisations who decorated the troughs outside the village hall ready for the Coronation celebrations. Very recently we were asked to organise the produce, craft and art competitions for Damson Day. We do value the opportunities of contributing to the community in these ways.

Some of our members cleaned the village road signs as part of the King's volunteering challenge and we're also happy to support and participate in the local CLEAN initiative.

We have welcomed other WI's to our lovely village on several occasions, hosting a painting for pleasure event and a group meeting of 7 local WI's.

During the year some of our regular meetings were open to visitors and we were pleased to welcome some of the male members of our community as well as other friends and neighbours.

We had considerable success with produce and craft entries at the Westmorland County Show and it's good to support this event and be part of the wider community as well as the local one.

Jean Sherratt, President

24th April 2024