



Grisedale Croft Care Home

Evidence form

Alston Moor Parish Council · Alston Moor League of Friends · Grisedale Croft Working Group

Alston Moor Parish Council and local campaigners are gathering evidence about people from Alston Moor and the surrounding area who needed residential, nursing, respite or rehabilitation care but were not placed at Grisedale Croft. This information will help us make the case to Westmorland and Furness Council for keeping Grisedale Croft open.

Your account matters whether the person was being discharged from hospital, was struggling to manage at home, couldn't get home carers, or needed care for any other reason.

Please share whatever you feel able to. Most questions are optional — even partial information is useful. If recalling these events is difficult, please only answer what feels comfortable.

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Privacy

The information you provide will be held by Alston Moor Parish Council and used only for the campaign to retain Grisedale Croft, including representations to Westmorland and Furness Council, elected representatives and, where you give permission, the press. We will keep your information until the campaign concludes and then securely delete it. You can withdraw your contribution at any time by contacting the Parish Clerk.

Section 1 of 7 — About you

Just a few details about you, so we can come back to you if helpful and know how you would like your account used.

Your name *

Your contact email or phone *

So we can verify details or come back to you if helpful.

Your relationship to the person who needed care *

- Myself
- Spouse or partner
- Son or daughter
- Other family member
- Friend or neighbour
- Professional carer or healthcare worker
- Other: _____

May we contact you to discuss your account further? *

- Yes
- No

How may we use your account? *

- You may use my name and the details I have given
- Please anonymise my account (no names)
- Please use the information for internal evidence only — do not share publicly

Section 2 of 7 — About the person who needed care

If you are the person who needed care, please answer about yourself. Most of these questions are optional.

Initials or first name only

Age or age band at the time

- Under 65
- 65–74
- 75–84
- 85–94
- 95+
- Prefer not to say

Where were they living at the time?

e.g. Alston, Nenthead, Garrigill, Leadgate, Slaggyford, or further afield.

Did they have close family or strong ties to Alston Moor?

- Yes — they lived here
- Yes — close family lived here
- No
- Other: _____

Section 3 of 7 — What was happening

A bit about what led to them needing care, and what kind of care was needed.

Approximately when did this happen? *

Month and year is fine — e.g. “around March 2024”.

What led to them needing care? (tick all that apply) *

- Being discharged from hospital
- No longer able to manage at home
- Home carers were not available or sufficient
- A family carer could no longer cope or was unavailable
- A sudden deterioration in health
- A fall or accident at home
- Bereavement of a spouse or partner who had been caring for them
- End-of-life care was needed
- Other: _____

If they were in hospital, which hospital?

What kind of care did they need? (tick all that apply)

- Short-term rehabilitation or reablement
- Respite (short stay)
- Long-term residential care
- Nursing care
- Dementia care
- End-of-life care
- Not sure
- Other: _____

Was the placement expected to be short-term or long-term?

- Short-term / temporary
- Long-term / permanent
- Not known at the time
- Other: _____

Section 4 of 7 — The decision about Grisedale Croft

This section is the most important for our case. Please answer as fully as you can.

Was Grisedale Croft offered or discussed as an option? *

- Yes — it was offered
- Yes — it was mentioned but ruled out
- No — it was never mentioned
- I asked about it myself
- Don't know / can't remember

If Grisedale Croft was discussed, what reason was given for not using it?

For example: "told there were no beds", "told it wasn't suitable", "told it was closing", "no reason given".

If you or the family asked about Grisedale Croft, what response did you receive?

Who made the decision about where they went? (tick all that apply)

- Hospital discharge team
- Social worker / adult social care
- GP
- Family
- The person themselves
- Don't know
- Other: _____

Section 5 of 7 — Where they went instead

Where the person ended up — even if that was at home without enough support.

Where did they go?

Name of care home, hospital ward, or “stayed at home with care”, etc.

In what town or area?

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Roughly how far from Alston Moor?

- Less than 10 miles
- 10–20 miles
- 20–30 miles
- 30–50 miles
- More than 50 miles
- Not applicable (stayed at home)

What kind of placement was it?

- Residential care home
- Nursing home
- Hospital ward awaiting placement (“bed-blocking”)
- Home with a care package
- Family member’s home
- Other: _____

Section 6 of 7 – The impact

What it meant for the person and for those close to them.

How often were family or friends able to visit, compared with how often they would have wished?

Roughly how long did it take family or friends to travel to visit?

What impact did the placement (or lack of one) have on the person's wellbeing, as far as you could see?

What impact did it have on family or carers?

What is the situation now?

- Still in the same placement
- Moved to a different placement
- Returned home
- They have since died
- Other / prefer not to say

Section 7 of 7 — Anything else

Is there anything else you would like us to know?

Would you be willing to speak to any of the following if asked? (tick all that apply)

- A parish councillor
- A Westmorland and Furness councillor
- Our MP
- A journalist
- None of the above

Returning this form

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By post or drop-off:

Alston Town Hall, or any of the three Post Offices on Alston Moor.

Please mark the envelope, or hand it in, as: Grisedale Croft evidence — confidential.

Thank you for taking the time to share your experience. Every account helps.

Alston Moor Parish Council — Grisedale Croft Working Group