



Housing

A major benefit of locating a business in Allerdale is the high quality of life on offer in this beautiful area. It is an environment which makes for a loyal and contented workforce.

Employment in Cumbria is stable: 85% are in the same job for a year or more, with 53% for five years or more.

Research suggests that urban dwellers suffer increased stress due to their lack of interaction with the natural environment and a sea view is the quickest and most effective way to reduce high stress levels for many people.

Cumbria is a great and friendly place for business and family to grow in.

The Cumbria Quality of Life survey in 2006 showed that 90% of Allerdale residents were satisfied with their local area as a place to live.

The 2004 Cumbrian Attitudes survey shows that Cumbrians are generally more happy with their neighbourhoods, trusting of their neighbours and feel relationships with people in their community are important to them.

Useful websites

Allerdale Borough Council
www.allerdale.gov.uk/housing

Land Registry
www.landreg.gov.uk/propertyprice



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There are neighbourhoods to suit everyone, in bustling towns, picturesque villages or tranquil hamlets, offering a mix of local shops, country pubs and a friendly community spirit, and with a variety of housing ranging from traditional cottages to waterside apartments to modern detached developments.

Wherever your ideal home may be, it need never be too far away from work. In Allerdale, the roads are rarely congested and traffic queues are rare. The average daily commute can be a few minutes rather than the reported time in London and the South East of just over an hour.

In addition to the usual methods of home ownership, a fifth of all homes in Allerdale are rented from housing associations and a further tenth from private landlords.

Allerdale Borough Council provides housing advice for people who own or rent their home or are looking for somewhere to live. Free advice is available about:

- Up to date housing market information
- Information about grants for essential repair work to houses
- Energy efficiency advice
- How to bring an empty property back into use
- Contact details for private rented housing letting agents.

The local newspapers produce housing pages which provide a comprehensive picture of the housing market in Allerdale.

HM Land registry provides residential property price reports. In July-September 2006 the average house prices were:

Local newspapers

- The News and Star
- The Times and Star
- The Cumberland News
- The Keswick Reminder
- The Lake District Herald

Town	Average house price		
	Terraced	Semi-detached	Detached
Aspatria	£103,472	£179,313	£228,999
Cockermouth	£174,289	£202,392	£290,869
Keswick	£237,245	£347,500	£440,063
Maryport	£88,848	£153,222	£185,866
Silloth	£158,000	£126,414	£186,250
Wigton	£113,637	£148,136	£244,852
Workington	£85,392	£112,244	£229,596
UK average	£143,512	£170,650	£285,697
Greater London	£331,450	£361,619	£628,239



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