



Windermere Reflections EBulletin No.1 July 2011

After what seems to be a long wait we are delighted to announce that Windermere Reflections has finally begun!

The Heritage Lottery Funded programme will work with the whole community, local and visiting, to encourage positive action for the environment, which will bring about many improvements to the Windermere catchment. There are many opportunities over the next 3 years to get involved in volunteering, celebrating our cultural heritage, taking part in learning and training opportunities and helping with practical conservation work.

The team will soon be in place and part of their role is to coordinate lots of opportunities for you to get involved. In the meantime, you can join in various projects lead by partner organisations that have already begun ...

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

What? Would you like to take part in a project to conserve *Ambleside Roman Fort*? Project leaders, the National Trust, are looking for volunteers to help us conserve Roman masonry using stone and lime mortar. Volunteers will be given training by a team of skilled masons and archaeologists.

When? Monday 1st - Friday 12th August 2011

Where? Ambleside Roman Fort, Waterhead, Ambleside

Contact: To book on, or for more information, contact Jamie Lund, National Trust Archaeologist on 01539 463825 or email: jamie.lund@nationaltrust.org.uk

If you don't want to take part but want to visit the site, just go along and find out more about the site....

TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES

The University of Cumbria are running training courses in sustainable catchment management and volunteer management. The courses are **free** and are open to everyone. Each course contains an assessment and leads to attaining university credits.

What? Course: Leading a volunteer group

The course content includes; how to motivate volunteers, how to lead a volunteer day in a safe and effective manner, how to communicate information relating to the volunteer activity and basic navigation

When?

There are two options; midweek or weekend (mix and matching may also be an option) You will need to attend all 5 days to complete the course;

Midweek dates: 5th Oct, 12th Oct, 19th Oct, 2nd Nov and 12th Nov

Weekends: 8th Oct, 15th Oct, 22nd Oct, 5th Nov and 12th Nov

What? Course: Coordinating volunteer groups

The course content includes; how to recruit and retain volunteers, how to secure funding, how to market volunteer activities and manage teams of task leaders

When? 23rd Nov, 30th Nov and 7th Dec - You will need to attend all 3 days to complete the course

What? Course: Issues in the Windermere catchment

The course content includes; study of the main environmental, social and economic issues that exist in the Windermere Catchment, study of how the landscape is managed by stakeholders and conflict between different users.

When? 2nd Nov, 9th Nov, 16th Nov, 23rd Nov, 30th Nov, 7th Dec - You will need to attend all 6 days to complete the course

What? Course: Managing the Windermere catchment

The course content includes; assessment of the main issues in the Windermere catchment, study of how the landscape is managed by stakeholders and the conflict between different users, development of an integrated sub-catchment management plan.

When? 12th Nov, 19th Nov, 26th Nov, 3rd Dec, 10th Dec - You will need to attend all 6 days to complete the course

Contact:

Amanda Hancock for more information and a course outline: amanda.hancock@environment-agency.gov.uk tel: 01768 215797

NEWS...

Secret Windermere

Project leader: Friends of the Lake District

We will be working with young people to identify what they think tranquillity is and where it can be found around the catchment. We have made contact with local schools and are now planning autumn activities around peace and quiet and dark skies with them. There will also be a launch event in September with a school enjoying a tranquil activity or two! Ideas are also being put together for a festival to celebrate tranquillity in 2012.

For more information contact: Judith Moore judith-moore@fld.org.uk / 01539 720788

Winderclean

Project leader : Lake District National Park

Until this year 'Winderclean' was a successful but localised scheme around the villages of Windermere and Bowness. The support from the Windermere Reflections programme has given the resources and impetus to expand this community led work to more people across a wider area.

During this year 's Winderclean, which took place during two weeks in May, 517 children and adults from 26 schools and community groups collected 352 bags of rubbish.

This means that 35.2 cubic metres of rubbish was removed from the catchment! This meets and exceeds the targets set for the first year of the project and bodes well for the coming years.

In addition, Windermere Hotel have adopted two popular local countryside sites and are out collecting on a regular basis with equipment supplied by the Winderclean project. Through this, the hotel staff have developed a sense of ownership of their local countryside and have been able to advise their visitors of litter free places to enjoy.

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