



# Hub



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## Windermere Blooms



There can be few who have not noticed the wonderful floral displays that have appeared across Windermere & Bowness this year thanks to the sterling efforts of the Windermere in Bloom group, supported by Windermere Town Council and many local businesses.

With the area being judged again this year in Cumbria in Bloom and for the second year in the RHS Britain in Bloom (in the 'Town' category), every effort has been made to use the opportunity to engage various sectors of the community to help ensure that Windermere Blooms this year even more successfully than in previous ones.

From business sponsorship for hanging baskets and floral displays through to local groups helping to repair benches, the opportunity is not just about the flowers themselves, it's about bringing out the best in our community. Judging for Cumbria in Bloom took place in July and for Britain in Bloom in August so now we are awaiting the decisions of the judges which will be announced at award ceremonies in September and October respectively.

This year's award ceremony for Windermere in Bloom is to take place at The Windermere Hydro on Thursday 26th September, commencing 7.00 for 7.30. Prizewinners will be personally invited to attend but why not come along and enjoy the evening to find out more about this annual competition and how to get involved.

Well done to all concerned!

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# ***"Scribble Orchestra" pays tribute to Holocaust survivors***

A newly developed Holocaust Survivor exhibition centre in Windermere launched with an afternoon of songs and music on 12 July in the gardens of Windermere Library. The afternoon was dedicated to "the Boys", the child Holocaust Survivors who came to the Lakes in 1945. A specially commissioned piece called The Butterfly Suite was performed by Cumbrian children. Amongst those performing was the acclaimed Scribble Orchestra and Choir made up of children from all kinds of backgrounds and circumstances including children in mainstream education, those with disabilities and those with special educational needs.

The Lake District Holocaust Project is based in Windermere Library and has reopened after renovations. It is now presenting an enlarged permanent exhibition with a separate gallery for touring exhibitions and activities. The permanent exhibition "From Auschwitz to Ambleside" tells the remarkable story of the three hundred Jewish child Holocaust Survivors who came to the Lake District in 1945 and the community who welcomed them on the now "lost" village of Calgarth Estate near Windermere village. Trevor Avery, Director of Cumbrian charity Another Space and organiser of The Lake District Holocaust Project, said "This is an incredibly moving and exciting moment for us all at The Lake District Holocaust Project. The project moves up another gear entirely after extraordinary developments over the past few years".

Bob Obuchowski, one of the Jewish children who came to Windermere in 1945 says "We came from the hell of the concentration camps to paradise - Windermere. Those first days of food, real beds with bedclothes and the great kindness we were shown made us feel like human beings again. It's a time I will never forget. I am so thankful that this exhibition tells the story of our arrival to the UK and our rehabilitation and ensures that we and our experiences are never forgotten".

The Lake District Holocaust Project is open Mon - Fri 10am - 4.00pm (closed all day Wednesday) and Sat 10am - 1pm. Out of hours opening can be arranged by prior arrangement. Please call or email to check for opening details during Bank Holidays.

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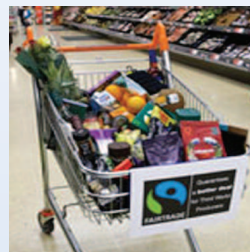


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## **Fairtrade**



Windermere and Bowness is a Fair Trade Town and the Lake District is now officially the world's first Fairtrade National Park Zone.

In order to maintain this status, the members of the Fairtrade Group have been visiting all the restaurants, cafés, B&Bs and

hotels in the local area to encourage them to offer some Fairtrade goods. There are currently around 3,000 different Fairtrade products to choose from, so offering a small selection could make a really big difference.

If we support Fairtrade, we ensure that workers and producers are given a guaranteed price for their quality products. This will improve their lives by ensuring better working conditions and a secure income helping them to work their way out of poverty. Pennies spent on our Fairtrade tea or coffee is worth pounds to families in developing countries who are much less fortunate than ourselves.

Remember, local producers need our support too, so look for the "Local" signs and help our local farmers and growers.

For more information about the Windermere & Bowness Fairtrade Group, please contact: **Jenny Baker** at [jennybeckside@talktalk.net](mailto:jennybeckside@talktalk.net)

## Red squirrels return!

Red squirrels were driven out of our area by grey squirrels over a decade ago and we all presumed they could never return. However, the future for our native reds is now looking positive due to the efforts of volunteers who are working to control the spread of greys around South Lakeland. This has resulted in red squirrels returning to many of their old habitats.



Recently reds have been spotted at Ecclerigg (near Brockhole) and close to Orrest Head (Windermere) but they have not yet been seen anywhere else in Windermere or Bowness. Have you spotted a red squirrel anywhere in the South Lakeland area? If yes, the Westmorland Red Squirrel Society would like to hear about it. Please log your sighting on their website so that numbers can be carefully monitored.

To log sightings and find out more about the work done by the Westmorland Red Squirrel Society, go to: [www.westmorlandredsquirrels.org.uk](http://www.westmorlandredsquirrels.org.uk)

Would you actively like to help encourage red squirrels to return to our area? If so, please email [squirrels@homewoods.co.uk](mailto:squirrels@homewoods.co.uk)

## Windermereals!



BWCCT have teamed up with The Elleray hotel and Cumbria CVS to provide an exciting new service in Bowness and Windermere.

If you are **over 60** you can have a homemade three course meal delivered to your door for just £5.

Produce will be locally sourced where possible. The lunchtime service will be available on Tuesdays and Thursdays and the menu will vary. A sample of the meals offered would be:

Homemade leek and potato soup, Cumberland sausage with mash, peas and gravy, and Homemade fruit crumble and custard.

Windermereals will be launched in **September** and is supported by a start up grant from BWCCT.

Volunteer drivers will be trained by CVS and support will be given. The training will include guidance on signposting to other services, food hygiene, health and safety, and risk assessments. All expenses will be paid.

If you would like to be considered for inclusion in this scheme please call **Angela** at the Elleray on **015394 88464**

If you are interested in becoming a **volunteer driver**, please call **Cumbria CVS on 01768 800350**

## Active Kids!

During July and August a special initiative delivered by Lakes Leisure and funded by the Central Lakes Local Area Partnership provided local children with the opportunity to take part in free 60-minute sports taster sessions.

Sessions were provided in Windermere, Ambleside and Grasmere and were delivered by fully qualified members of the Lakes Leisure Community Development Team.

Sessions were split between age groups and the sports experienced included Rounders, Handball, Football, Volleyball and Tag Rugby.

To find out more about the great range of activities provided by Lakes Leisure, please visit:

[www.lakesleisure.org.uk/Windermere](http://www.lakesleisure.org.uk/Windermere)



## Fun, free and healthy!



A **brand new Fit Club** is now being held outdoors on the Glebe in Bowness run by professional fitness instructors.

The sessions run every **Monday at 6pm and every**

**Wednesday at 7am.** The workout is free of charge and is suitable for all ages and all fitness levels. Each session is an hour long, but the emphasis is on having lots of FUN!!

Email: [James@jppt.co.uk](mailto:James@jppt.co.uk)  
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## Treasure on high!

Whether you live in Windermere or Bowness, or are here to visit us, then be sure to **look up** as you walk around our villages!

With every twist and turn there is a wealth of architectural features on our buildings which deserve your special attention. The Windermere and Bowness Civic Society has a **'Look Up' Treasure Hunt** which takes you on a walk between the Tourist Information Centres at Windermere and Bowness Bay, and challenges you to identify just a few of these features.

There are many other beautiful details to see on the buildings that you will pass on the route and in the local area. Look out especially for bargeboards, finials, dormer windows, stained glass window panels, fine stonework and wrought iron.

An extra challenge if you live locally - can you identify any of the answers from memory?

Visit the Civic Society's website, print out the two pages of Treasure Hunt questions and *start looking!*

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## 40p, not so disgraceful!

In order to help reduce the operating deficit faced when SLDC withdraw their funding support to Windermere Town Council for the provision of toilets at the end of this financial year, the cost of 'spending a penny' at Bowness Bay toilets has been increased to 40p.

The harsh reality is that it costs around £110,000 per year to operate the 8 toilets across Windermere & Bowness which are now managed on a 'not for profit' basis by the Bowness & Windermere Community Care Trust. When divided by the approximately 330,000 visitors that use the facilities, this works out at 33p per visit, 40p including VAT (which has to be charged).

Unfortunately, some people choose to abuse the system and find ways to use the toilets for free. Recently a tour guide was seen holding the gates open to allow quite a number of the passengers into the toilets. They may see it as looking after their clients, others might see it as fraud!

Frustratingly, too many of the problems experienced when complaints are received are due to misuse of the facilities rather than lack of regular cleaning. The increase at Bowness Bay also reflects the challenges of servicing this very busy facility.

The cost of using all of the other toilets remains at 20p.

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## Twinning news

In May the Twinning Association members and friends travelled to our Twin Town's annual International 'Topfermarkt'. The pottery market in Diessen am Ammersee displayed a huge variety of stalls from all parts of the globe and attracted some 47,000 visitors during its three days. Sadly, the weather was very reminiscent of Windermere; our Bavarian friends insisted we had brought it with us as they considered it to be typically English!

Not deterred by the wet conditions, we were led by the Burgermeister on a special tour of the exhibitors' stands including several English potters. We visited other places of interest and were served traditional local meals by our hosts. The town was full to bursting with visitors, giving an air of international festivity which we all enjoyed.

Our student exchange visit took place in July. Over 40 Lakes School students and several teachers visited Diessen and the Carl Orff School and took part in a varied programme of activities and social events designed to enhance linguistic skills and to gain experience of a different culture. On return, Lakes German teacher Stephen Thompson said:

'The trip was excellent and a good time was had by all – great weather, fun activities, good behaviour and friendly German people. The students enjoyed their ice cream treat in Diessen – a very big thank you to the Twinning Association for the kind contribution. It was nice to see the Anglo-Germanic links that were made on the trip and much mixing of students took place as well as exchanges of email addresses'.

Our thanks go to Stephen for all the arrangements for the trip and we wish him well in his new teaching post.

Later in July, the return visit by students and staff from the Carl Orff school, staying at the newly refurbished YHA in Ambleside, included a variety of activities and visits. Unfortunately, having had to come later than originally planned, they were unable spend time at Lakes School due to the summer holidays! However, Twinning members were on hand to ensure their visit was as welcoming and beneficial as in previous years and our thanks again go to the teachers for making it such a success.

Date for your diaries: A further Coffee Morning will be held at the Marchesi Centre on Saturday 12th October 10.00am to 12.00noon. All welcome – please come and support us and learn more about Windermere's beautiful Twin Town.

The Twinning Association would be delighted to hear from any group or organisation in our community, especially those involving young people, who may like to consider an exchange with a group in Diessen. Contact **Jenny Borer: 015394 44995** or email: **jsborer@tiscali.co.uk**

## Topfermarkt



Pottery displayed at the International 'Topfermarkt' in Diessen am Ammersee provided a wide range of intriguing exhibits enjoyed by those visiting from Windermere.



## Volunteering is IN

Figures released in February 2013 show a sharp rise in volunteering and people actively coming together to drive improvements in their communities.

The Official Statistics published for the first time by the Cabinet Office show that the proportion of people volunteering at least once a year has now increased from 65% in 2010 to 2011 to 71% in 2012, with an even bigger increase in the proportion of people volunteering regularly. This equates to millions more people volunteering across the country – showing that the cultural change is not limited to the 120,000 who volunteered to make the Olympics a success. Significantly, this reverses the steady decline in volunteering seen since 2005.

## Girlguides need help!

Girlguiding is the largest female only organisation for girls and women aged 5-70 in the UK and they need your help to keep their local units open. Could you spare an hour a week to enable your local guides to have fun and experience new and exciting things all within the safe, supportive environment of Girlguiding? No experience is needed and full training will be given; they just need volunteers with a willingness to offer time.

To find out more, email **lakesdivision@yahoo.co.uk** or phone **Marie** on **07811 017316**. Thank you!



## An apple a day...



An event focusing on apples will take place at **Brockhole** on **Sunday 27th October**. Do you have more apples than you can cope with? Bring them and have them pressed to make apple juice – bring lots of containers, they are often juicier than you think! The apple juice can be frozen so it lasts through the winter days.

In addition to the apple press, there will be an apple treasure hunt, musical entertainment, an apple quiz and the longest peel competition. Find out about the work that goes into producing apples, sample different varieties and enjoy a day of family fun.

The **Windermere Food Group** is supporting this event and will be mapping fruit trees in the Parish and explaining about its 'Fruity Windermere!' project. If you have a favourite apple tree which you would like to replicate, then let us know and we will arrange to graft one for you. We look forward to seeing you there. The event starts at 11am and is free. For more details, call **015394 46601 or 88261**.

## Message from our Mayor

Since my last message we have now said a fond 'farewell' to our former Town Clerk, Tracy, who has moved on to pursue other goals, and offered a warm 'welcome' to new Clerk, Jane, who joins us after working for many years with Kirkby Stephen Town Council. Thanks to Tracy's tuition, Jane is now up to speed with Council procedures, etc, although I suspect she might deny this...

I am writing this piece in the middle of the July heat wave, trying to anticipate all the events that will have come and gone by the time The Hub arrives on your doormat.

Scattered amongst the routine day-to-day happenings we should have seen a few highlights including a Royal Visit, judging of the various In Bloom competitions, and another visit to Bowness by members of the Shree Swaminarayan Hindu Temple to honour their former leader Muktaajivan Swamibapa

As ever, details of Council meetings and previous minutes are available on our website and with Jane's help, I am confident we can keep the News and Events Section topical and up-to-date. You can keep abreast of official musings by following us on Twitter!

Allan Winrow

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## Windermere Foodbank

On Saturday June 8th, Tim Farron MP officially opened the Windermere and District Foodbank located in the basement of the Methodist Church on Main Road. Its existence is thanks to the untiring efforts of Rose Booth, an independent retailer who runs a ladies fashion shop called No. 22.

Just before Christmas, Rose was shocked to hear that there were people living nearby who were starving. She decided to use her shop as a delivery point for food donations during the few weeks running up to Christmas. She intended to pop along to the supermarket to get some boxes of food to start things off, but never had the chance! The word was out that she was collecting food and the donations came thick and fast.

After Christmas, everyone agreed that the collection and distribution had been a great success and Rose thought that was the end of it. But people kept donating and people kept asking for help. Having heard about foodbanks, Rose spoke with various organisations about creating one for the Windermere area. Especially helpful were all the churches who worked together as a group to help - and Booths agreed to retain a permanent collection point. Tim Farron also provided ongoing support and advice from the moment she consulted him.

Rose couldn't keep collecting the boxes of food in her shop so the hunt was on for a more suitable venue and the Methodist Church kindly agreed to allow the use of the church basement. The Trussell Trust, a charity which oversees foodbanks in the UK (and Bulgaria!), advised Rose of what needed to be done in order to meet the requirements for running one and the costs involved. Thanks to the generosity of many in our local community, the necessary funds were raised to be able to join the Trussell Trust and to make the basement fit for use.

The Windermere and District Foodbank is a registered charity and you can donate online. For those seeking help, any of the frontline services (GP surgeries, police, fire service, benefits office, job centres, etc) will be able to advise. Each individual who is in crisis is means-tested. If they meet the criteria, they are given a voucher which means they can have food for three days although each case is handled on its own merit. No one should be allowed to starve – certainly not children.

The foodbank is manned by volunteers and there is always a need for more help! If you have some free hours on a regular basis, why not consider helping this very worthy cause. Find out more at:

[www.facebook.com/pages/Windermere-District-Food-bank](https://www.facebook.com/pages/Windermere-District-Food-bank)

or

[www.windermere-district.foodbank.org.uk](http://www.windermere-district.foodbank.org.uk)

## ***"It's not a race, it's for fun"***

The Rotary Club of Furness is calling on cycling enthusiasts to back its biggest annual fundraiser.

This year's **Tour de Furness** will be held on **Sunday September 8th**, with entrants able to choose to tackle a 5, 13 or 50 mile course, depending on their age or fitness. All three routes start and finish at Roose Conservative Club and participants can ride as individuals or as part of a team.

From small beginnings in 1995, the event has grown to become one of South Cumbria's premier annual fundraisers. Last year, over £22,000 was split between almost 30 local and national organisations nominated by the 400 riders. £8,000 was donated to the club's flagship charity **St Mary's Hospice** in honour of the care given to Rotarian Bill Bartlett, who pioneered the event before passing away from cancer.

Club member Geoff James said the key to the event's success was that it appeals to everyone. "When the cyclists get to the Club there is a barbecue, music and a good party atmosphere, with every rider getting a souvenir mug and certificate to say they've done it!"

Entrants have the option of nominating a registered charity or allowing the club to distribute the money between St Mary's and other charities and good causes. Courtesy of sponsor Poole Townsend, any rider who raises more than £50 goes into the draw to win a Giant bike valued at £600.

Entries close on August 31st. To register, visit **[www.tourdefurness.co.uk](http://www.tourdefurness.co.uk)** or pick up an entry form from Topmark in Greengate Street, Barrow, St Mary's Hospice café or one of the St Mary's Charity Shops throughout the area.

## ***Joined up thinking***

The **Central Lakes Local Area Partnership** (CLLAP for short) enables elected representatives from Windermere Town Council, Lakes Parish Council, Skelwith Parish Council, South Lakeland District Council and Cumbria County Council opportunity to share thoughts and inform decisions likely to impact on our community. Add the fact that the meetings are open to the public and the opportunity to reflect community need and share opinion is materially enhanced.

Previously, CLLAP was allocated a small amount of funding to provide grants to help deliver community projects approved by them. This year there is no such funding and the partnership can concentrate on developing its role as a strong and credible voice reflecting the wider interests of those that live in the central lakes area.

If you would like to share your thoughts why not let us know or attend the next meeting scheduled for **17th September**. The venue is still to be decided but if you are interested, please contact Jenny Draper, **[j.draper@southlakeland.gov.uk](mailto:j.draper@southlakeland.gov.uk)** and she will make sure that you are fully informed.

## ***Volunteers needed!***

**Windermere Youth Project** offers a safe and positive environment where young people can meet, socialise and develop their interests and hobbies. The youth club run two sessions on a weekly basis during term time at the Phoenix centre. The Junior Club is for young people in primary school years 5 and 6. The Senior Club is aimed at young people of Secondary school age. The youth club is delivered and supported by Young Cumbria.

Due to the popularity of the youth club, they are currently seeking volunteers who are able to support the youth project. If you have any spare time and are able to offer your services, they would like to hear from you.

There are a range of ways you can support the youth club so it can continue to provide a quality service for the young people of our community:

- **Volunteering** at the junior or senior club. This could be weekly, fortnightly or whenever you can offer help
- **Supporting** them with trips
- If you have a **skill you would like to share**, you could run/assist with a particular session
- **Joining the committee** - all members of the committee are volunteers from the local community and more support is always welcome.

All volunteers will need to complete a volunteer registration process and undertake an enhanced CRB check. They can help you with this. Training and support will be provided.

If you would like to find out more about any of the volunteering opportunities, please contact:

**Sarah Cutts on 07902699363 or email [sarahcutts@youngcumbria.org.uk](mailto:sarahcutts@youngcumbria.org.uk)**

## ***Queen's Park***

**Do you have any ideas about how the facilities at Queen's Park could be improved?** Local residents and young people are being consulted about how the park could be developed to better serve local people in Bowness and Windermere.

Lots of different and exciting ideas have already been put forward such as a meeting place for young people, improved pitch and skate park, environmental trail, outdoor gym and performance space. A local environmental design company, Iteriad, have volunteered to help produce a masterplan incorporating some of these ideas. The masterplan would then be subject to extensive consultation with the community.

If you would like to put forward your ideas, please email **Gillian Baines at [gill.thephoenix@gmail.com](mailto:gill.thephoenix@gmail.com)**

## Santa is coming to town!

Make all your Christmas dreams come true in Windermere and Bowness this winter!

Join in the festive fun on **Saturday 30th November 2013** on the Santa Cruise. Board the Windermere Lakes Cruises Steamer from the pier in Bowness for a magical cruise around the lake with Santa! Peter Rabbit will be bouncing about on board too.



The Winter Lights Parade starts at 4.30pm at Windermere Railway Station. Santa will lead the Winter 'Sparkle' Parade on his sleigh switching on the Winter Lights along the way. The parade ends at Queens Park where you can watch the Grand Firework Finale!

### Cruise tickets

Adults £11 (Including a drink and mince pie)  
Children 0-16 years £6.50 (including gift, drink and biscuit) Cruise 10am (Bowness Pier)

For more information, please visit:  
[www.windermewinterlights.org](http://www.windermewinterlights.org)

## Independents day

A recent national initiative celebrated the importance of independent local shops to their community.

Across Windermere & Bowness we have a great variety of independently operated shops and in the Winter issue of the HUB we would like to highlight those independent shops that you feel provide a great local service every day.

All we need is a quick note identifying the shop, why you think it deserves a mention, and your name and address.

The next issue of the HUB will be distributed from 4th November, just in time to ensure that your favourite local shops get a mention before Christmas.

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## Calgarth Park open day



**Calgarth Park** will be taking part in the Heritage Open Days national event on the second weekend in September. They opened for the Heritage weekend last year for the first time and had over 300 visitors. They hope even more local people will take the opportunity this year to visit their Grade II listed building with a fascinating history.

The house was built in 1790 as a bishop's residence, became a hospital for Belgian and British casualties during World War I, was the Ethel Hedley Orthopaedic Hospital for Children from 1920 to 1970 and, since 1974, has provided self-contained retirement flats administered by the Lake District Housing Association on a not-for-profit basis.

The house and gardens will be open on **Saturday 14th and Sunday 15th September** from **10:30 to 4:30** each day. There will be guided tours and talks on the history of the house several times each day and a display of photographs and stories. They will have home-baking and refreshments on sale and wheelchair access is available. They have no facilities for babies or young children.

They are particularly interested in making contact with former patients and staff of the hospital who may have stories or photographs to share and to copy. They are hoping to arrange a special day for former patients and staff some time in the autumn. Please contact them using the details below if you have any information they could use.

To find Calgarth, head towards Ambleside on the A591 and take the first turn left after the petrol station at Troutbeck Bridge. The house is at the end of the private drive, about a quarter of a mile from the main road.

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