



# Hub



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## Stamp of approval



There is much cause for celebration in Post Office circles – the **Windermere Branch** has received the 'stamp of approval' from Post Office Limited. This is a National Network Sales Award based on performance during the first quarter of 2014.

Postmaster Nigel Bartlett says the success of the Branch is due to the team's strong work ethic and building a rapport with their customers. "Every customer is welcomed with a smile and a friendly greeting, every transaction, every customer, every time. We develop conversations with customers and are genuinely interested in how Post Office products can help our customers save money and give them greater peace of mind".

To celebrate their Award, a full refit of Windermere's Post Office will start in January 2015. This means that the Post Office will be closed for two weeks, from Thursday 15th January. It will re-open to reveal their new interior on Wednesday 28th January 2015.

"The benefits will be welcomed by customers: with new open plan counters, new flooring, improved lighting, more space and longer opening hours - all day Saturday and hopefully, from the spring of 2015, Sunday opening from 10.30 am- 3.30pm (TBC). This will further enhance our promise of great Customer Service"

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## No wood at Low Wood

The **Low Wood No Wood** Cardboard Boat Race is set to return to the high seas of Windermere on Saturday **16th May 2015**.

Organised by Ben Berry for Low Wood Marina and kindly sponsored by Progression Solicitors the 2014 event raised nearly £4000 for the Lake District Calvert Trust and next year they hope to sail past that target.

Entries are now open and if you would like to find out more about taking part or spectating visit [cardboardboatrace.co.uk](http://cardboardboatrace.co.uk)



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## Twinning news!

Encouraged by their younger Twinning members the Twinning Association can now be found on **facebook** at **Windermere and Diessen Twinning**. "Like" the page and keep up to date with the latest news, activities, photos and events. Information also includes how and where you can get involved. Suggest the page to your family and friends to spread Twinning news even further!

Following their successful concerts in May with the Blasergruppe, some of the younger members have been on exchange visits during the summer holiday. Several long standing members have also made individual visits to their respective partners in Diessen. The annual **Lakes School /Carl Orff Schule** exchanges also resulted in successful and enjoyable events exploring the surroundings and different cultures of the their opposite local areas.

During the last week in September, eight members from Diessen came to stay at Hawksmoor Guest House for a planned programme of walks in the Lake District. September also saw members of the Veterans' football team going to Diessen for a football match, which was won by the Diessen home team. This was followed by the traditional visit to the 'Oktoberfest' which is the biggest festival of the year in Munich.

Their annual **Christmas Advent Afternoon** will again be held at the **Marchesi Centre** on **Sunday 7th December**, where there will be seasonal entertainment and traditional Bavarian Christmas fare. Come and join in!

For information about Twinning activities please contact Jenny Borer. Email [jsborer@fiscali.co.uk](mailto:jsborer@fiscali.co.uk) or telephone **015394 44995** or on facebook.

## Dementia friends

Training funded by Windermere Town Council has recently been delivered to delegates from a number of local businesses to help them become Dementia Friends. The training is an important first step in the area as a whole being designated Dementia Friendly, an initiative being led locally by the Central Lakes Local Area Partnership. For more information please contact Bill Smith, LAP Chair via [s.blyth@southlakeland.gov.uk](mailto:s.blyth@southlakeland.gov.uk)



## "Look out for each other"

This year's **Road Safety Week (17-23 November 2014)** is based on the theme 'Look out for each other' on our roads because being selfish can easily lead to tragedy. All the schools across Windermere will take part in various activities throughout that week from learning how to cross roads safely with PCSO Blacow, to operating the speed gun. This will be the third year Windermere schools have participated in National Road Safety week. [www.roadsafetyweek.org.uk](http://www.roadsafetyweek.org.uk)

# Windermere RePlay

ITV's People's Millions at Millerground – please help win £50,000 for the community.

The Millerground Enhancement Group was set up by the Windermere and Bowness Civic Society almost a year ago. It has been hard at work restoring the pathways, embankments and woods at Millerground, on the lakeshore off Rayrigg Road.

This is one of the few remaining areas on the east side of the lake, within walking distance of the town, that is still free and open for everyone to use. Community volunteers and students from local schools have been regularly turning up to help in all weathers. So far, with the aid of National Trust rangers they have managed to restore several pathways, clear undergrowth, plant bluebells and replace fences and gates.

Some small grants have been received from local businesses and individuals. These have helped to purchase basic materials, gravel and bulbs. The group put in a grant application to the "The People's Millions" Lottery fund under the name **Windermere RePlay**. The fantastic news is that this project has now been shortlisted and could win £50,000!

If successful the money would be used for a new outdoor exercise and adventure play area. This would be installed in the field above Millerground near the car park to provide a wonderful facility for children of all ages and abilities, as well as their parents and grandparents to enjoy a fantastic day out at Millerground.

**But** they need your help....

They will be competing against a large Carlisle based charity for this money. A short film about each application will be shown on ITV Border News on the 25th November. There will be a phone number for each charity advertised on the day to enable you to vote for **Windermere RePlay**. They ask everyone to pick up the phone on the **25th November** and vote to help the community.

## Stopping and going

Concern from Windermere Town Council over the proposed termination of the 597 Bus service serving parts of Windermere and Bowness following the withdrawal of operating subsidies by Cumbria County Council has coincided with the installation of a new bus shelter opposite the Ladyholme Centre at Goodly Dale.



The shelter has been provided by the Town Council and now provides welcome cover for those using this well utilised stop serving various routes. Discussions are ongoing between Town Council and County to identify opportunities that would see the 597 route retained.

# Mayor's message

I want to start by thanking the organisers of the Windermere in Bloom presentation evening and indeed, of the competition itself. Everything went smoothly and the levels of horticultural endeavour were as high as ever, congratulations to all the winners.

The Bench Project continues its vital work of repairing and refurbishing the many benches around the town and villages and helps keep our local area looking good. The Civic Society and other bodies are doing sterling work at Millerground; the improvements are increasingly obvious with every visit and make the area a joy to visit. We have a new bus shelter on Lake Road at Goodly Dale. The Council has felt that there should be some form shelter at this location so were pleased to be able to provide it.

I hope our involvement in projects such as these make residents more aware of the Town Councils' constant activity. Be assured there are many more promising projects in the pipeline, more details of which will feature in future editions.

As ever, details of Council meetings and previous minutes are on our website and you can keep in touch with official musings by following us on Twitter. [www.windermere-tc.gov.uk](http://www.windermere-tc.gov.uk) Twitter: @windermereTC

Alan Winrow, Town Mayor

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Tuesday 9th Dec  
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BBC Good Food Show OR  
Motorcycle Live NEC Birmingham  
Thursday 27th November  
£30.00 (Adult) or £20.00 (Child)

Harrogate or York Christmas Markets  
Friday 28th November  
£22.50 (Adult) or £15.00 (Child)

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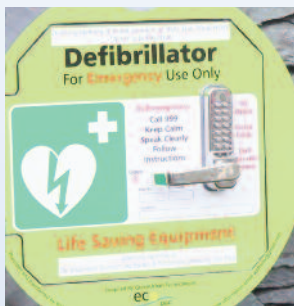


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## Every second counts



**Community Public Access Defibrillators** costing £1400 each (which includes the external weatherproof box and the defibrillator) have now been installed at three of the public toilets operated by Bowness & Windermere Community Care Trust. This brings the total of CPADs in the

Windermere area to eight.

The project, overseen by Windermere Area First Responders, aims eventually to get a defibrillator within 1/2 mile of each address in the LA23 postcode, so there is plenty of fundraising work still to do.

For more information or to help with fundraising please contact **Mark Jones** by email [wafinfo@gmail.com](mailto:wafinfo@gmail.com)

## Ladies who lunch

**The Bowness Women's Luncheon Club** was founded 1972 as an opportunity for Women to lunch together, listen to an interesting speaker and meet socially in a non-political, non-sectarian and non-profit making group.

The Club meets six times between October and April at "The Langdale Chase Hotel". This is an ideal way for you to lunch with a friend or make new friends. For membership enquiries please call **015394 47124**



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**Windermere, Cumbria** 5 mins from Lake Windermere

## Red Squirrels everywhere

We are very grateful to the Hub for allowing us to bring red squirrel news to the local community and are delighted to report that reds have now returned to Troutbeck.



One followed the river to Troutbeck Bridge where it was seen in gardens close to the filling station. Others have been seen in Hodgehowe Wood, Rayrigg Rise (opposite the Steamboat Museum) and further afield beside the A592 south of the Motor Boat Club.

Our tree-lined roads make perfect red squirrel territory but sadly if an animal runs across the road it could easily be killed by a passing vehicle. If you see an injured red squirrel beside the road please let us know as we record all red sightings (alive or dead).

You can record your sighting on our website

[www.westmorlandredsquirrels.org.uk](http://www.westmorlandredsquirrels.org.uk)



## Glitz and glamour

**The Lakes Players** would lie to invite you to their 20th anniversary production of **Aladdin & His Magic Lamp** at The Lakes School, Troutbeck Bridge.

This year the pantomime is bigger and more spectacular than ever in celebration of their 20th anniversary.

The Players have pulled out all the stops to wow the residents of South Lakeland this year. They have spent six months getting the show ready and are all very excited to perform! Every year Stewart works extremely hard to try and bring something new to the show and this year is no exception. The show is packed with popular songs, lots of jokes and slapstick Glitz & Glitter. Last years show was seen by over 1100 people so book early to get the best seats in the house.

Either book direct online at [www.lakesplayers.co.uk](http://www.lakesplayers.co.uk) or in person at their main box office at The Royal Oak, Kendal Road, Bowness. (Cash or Chq payment only)

**20th January 2015 to 25th January 2015**

Evening performance 7pm

Matinee Saturday & Sunday 1pm

No evening performance on Sunday

## Enhanced or not?

Cumbria County Council have promised Windermere Town Council that they will soon be undertaking repairs to the road and pavements within the area of the Windermere Enhancement Scheme.

Concern had been expressed at the worsening, and potentially dangerous, condition of parts of Crescent Road and the very poor standard of repairs that had taken place to pavement areas following various works relating to utility services.

Nick Raymond of Cumbria County Council Highways assured the Town Council that repairs would be undertaken to the same specification and standard as required by the original scheme.



## Council co-opts

Are you interested in local issues and representing your community? If so, Windermere Town Council currently has 2 vacancies. Being a town councillor is rewarding, interesting and varied, without being too time consuming. If you are interested or would like to know more about the role, please contact the town clerk, **Julie Wright** on **07951 402372** or email [clerk@windermere-tc.gov.uk](mailto:clerk@windermere-tc.gov.uk)

## Dru-style Yoga

Would you like a calmer mind? A healthier body? Easier and deeper breathing? Then maybe Dru-style Yoga is what you are looking for.

This is a safe and accessible style of yoga which combines elements of core strength (Pilates) work, t'ai chi flow and classic yoga: through activation, posture and sequence work, breathing techniques, mindfulness and relaxation it harmonises the mind, body and breath to improve physical, mental and emotional health.

The gentle nature of Dru-style yoga makes it suitable for all ages and abilities. Come along on Thursday 8th January, 9.30-11a.m at the Phoenix Centre, Windermere and see whether it suits – this will be a trial session for a reduced fee of £5.

Bring a mat (a camping mat is fine) and some water. For further information visit [www.innerfireyoga.co.uk](http://www.innerfireyoga.co.uk) email [deyna@innerfire.org.uk](mailto:deyna@innerfire.org.uk)

## Crafts at Christmas

Following on from their very successful Christmas Fair in 2013 **The Lakes School** are holding their second Christmas Craft Fair on **Saturday 6th December** from **10.00a.m. – 2.00p.m.**

They will also be serving refreshments in the main school dining hall and are looking forward to another very successful event. They look forward to welcoming you to The Lakes School and giving you the opportunity to start your Christmas shopping in a relaxed and informal atmosphere.

Free Parking, refreshments, lots of various Christmas craft stalls, face painting, tombola, raffle.

If you require any further information please contact **Donna Bell** on **015394 40814** or by email **donna.bell@lakes.cumbria.sch.uk**

## TIC tock

Time has been called on the operation of Windermere Tourist Information Centre by the Lakes Hospitality Association and we understand that the TIC will have closed on 31st October.

South Lakeland District Council, who backed away from providing the service directly some years ago, have offered the property for lease via a tender process which closed on 16th October. Whilst SLDC have indicated a desire to see future tenants maintain some form of tourist information service there are no guarantees that this will be the outcome.



Windermere Town Council is hoping that sufficient interest will have been shown from businesses capable of delivering a professional level of tourist information provision from any business model proposed and that SLDC appreciate the importance of retaining this important gateway facility to the Lake District.

## Windermeals

The excellent initiative launched by the Bowness & Windermere Community Care Trust to provide a three course meal for just £5.00 to help those who might not otherwise benefit from a hot meal has recently seen responsibility for production of the meals taken on by The Grey Walls.

BWCCT provide the service twice a week and relies on volunteers to distribute the meals on Tuesdays and Thursday. More volunteers are required to help ensure that demand from those that are eligible can be met. Interested, then please phone **BWCCT** on **015394 48415** or via **info@bwccct.co.uk**

## Dough - re - mi

Windermere and Bowness Community Choir has an attendance of up to 50 people, who meet every Tuesday at 7.30pm at Windermere School.



They have a varied selection of choristers of all ages and abilities, it is very much about local people coming together to sing and have fun. The choir is open to all, there are no auditions, you just turn up and join in! Newcomers are welcomed, no matter how rusty or polished. The choir is directed by Janet McCallum and Ian Pattinson, is the pianist/organist. The choir have a widely varied repertoire, taking in popular songs and ballads, music from the West End and some choral classics.

Following their success in 2013 at the Mary Wakefield Music Festival, the request for their appearance at local events has become very popular. The choir took the decision to make a charge for their performance and at the end of each season, make donations using the funds raised. This year the choir chose to donate to:

£400.00 to Heathwaite Football Club,

£200.00 to the Mary Wakefield Music Festival and

£400.00 to Blue Skies Hospital Fund.

It is their aim to take part in more community events and continue to raise funds to donate to good causes.



**WindermereandBownessCommunityChoir**

To find out more contact **Tracy** on **015394 47394**

## You're so VANE

The scaffolding required to enable access to the roof of Baddeley Clock has recently been removed following refurbishment work to the weather vane.

Whilst the scaffolding was in place other minor works were undertaken by Windermere Town Council to this important local landmark.

The clock tower marks the division between Windermere and Bowness-on-Windermere, and was built as a memorial to Mountford John Byrde Baddeley (1843-1906) who wrote a series of well regarded walker's guides from the new town of Windermere.



## Festive Fayre

Christmas shopping is going to be a more relaxed affair this year in Windermere. A range of exclusive gifts all made by local designers will be on sale at the **Cedar Manor Hotel** throughout November. A Christmas fair with a difference will be staged at the end of the month, to highlight the work of local art and design talent, along with a promise of the best-ever mince pies.

The shopping experience is the idea of owners Caroline and Jonathan Kaye. "Christmas shopping has become an ordeal...there's no sense of festivity any more and going to big shopping outlets nearer Christmas can be a nightmare.

**The Christmas Fair, from 11.30am till 4pm on Saturday November 29th** will raise money for the charity **Lupus UK** which Caroline Kaye has been supporting this year. She took part in the Great North Run and has organised other events, raising more than £3000. Next year she is running the London Marathon for the charity!

The fair will feature afternoon teas and mince pies made by a star local baker and there will be a Father Christmas grotto for children.

For more information call **Jonathan Kaye 015394 43192** or **Eileen Jones, Cumbria PR 07791 178903**

## In at the deep end



Windermere Town Council has expressed concern that planning permission recently being sought for alterations and extension to **Troutbeck Swimming Pool** will provide a much smaller swimming pool to the rear of the existing premises than originally proposed. In addition, if approved, the proposals would see the main footprint of the existing building converted for utilisation as a gym with a number of associated activities.

When the community pool closed after some 30 years of service it was hoped that opportunity could be found to enable the development of a new and larger swimming pool on the site. Unfortunately, the latest proposal appears to suggest that this aspiration is no longer attainable.

David Howell, director of Hazelwood Wellness Company has accepted an invitation to attend the Windermere Town Council meeting on November 24th to address the concerns raised by Councillors and update them of progress on the planning application.

## Santa, sparkle and sizzle

We are pleased to announce that the Windermere and Bowness Winter Lights grand switch will be on the **29th November 2014**.



Santa and his parade will fly through the streets of Windermere setting off from the train station at 5pm. Santa will work his magic and turn the lights on as he flies. Santa's parade will end on Queens Park followed by a fabulous firework display.

Please come and enjoy an afternoon of festive fun in Windermere before the parade starts. Then enjoy the music and cheer as Santa travels around Windermere. Like us on Facebook – we're hoping for an interview with Santa before the big day - **facebook.com/WindermereWinterLights**

The local Round Table have been amazing this year, they volunteered to organise the Santa Parade and fireworks. Please donate your loose change to the Round Table on the night. From the Windermere and Bowness Winter Lights Committee have a Happy Christmas and Prosperous New Year.

## Brathay Marathon

On **May 17th 2015** the Brathay Windermere Marathon will enter its ninth year as one of the most distinctive marathons in Europe. Following a course, which is a complete circuit of Windermere, it's easy to see why it's the UK's most scenic marathon.

Brathay Hall is the home of **Brathay Trust**, the national charity that inspires children and young people to engage positively in their communities, and the marathon is their flagship fundraising event. Each year runners raise thousands of pounds to help vulnerable and hard to reach children and young people. For more information please visit **www.brathay.org.uk/the-marathon**

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## Bloom winners 2014

Many congratulations to the following winners of Windermere in Bloom 2014.

May Cottage - Windermere Town Council Pat Holmes Cup - Small guest house/B&B

**Beckside - South Lakes Tourism - Hotel/large guest house/B&B**

Craig Manor Hotel -Lakes Hospitality -Hotel, Inns and Pubs

**Old Pump House - Windermere Lions - Café or restaurant**

Royal Oak - Chamber of Trade -Hanging baskets, Boxes and Tubs

**St Martin's Parade - Tesco - Best decorated shop**

Lynwood - Lakeland -Commercial or non-commercial

**The Queens - Windermere in Bloom - Contribution to Community**

13 Fairfield Road - Windermere in Bloom - Special or Outstanding Feature

**Rockwood & Lucerne - Staveley Crystal - Residential Open Category**

54 Droomer Drive -Windermere Parish - One off Wow factor

**West View, Craig Walk - Rayrigg Motors - Most colourful display**

The Albert - Windermere in Bloom Committee - Best all year round garden

**19 Mill Brow - Leith Joseph Trophy-Domestic Tubs and hanging baskets**

Oldfield, Troutbeck Bridge - Windermere Parish - Terraced garden or back yard (Domestic)

**34 School Knott Drive & 34 Thornthwaite Road - Civic Society - Best Domestic Garden**

High Fells, Windermere Park - Soroptimists - Best kept garden

**Gill Cottage - AJHN - Alternative Gardening**

The Food Group - TACT Cup - Green Gardening

**Quarry Rigg Shops / Quarry Rigg Garden - Walters Trophy - Public Amenity and Spaces**

Extra Awards presented for Contribution to the Community went to:

Andy Talon and Andy King of Continental Landscapes

Millerground Enhancement Group

Simone Backhouse for the Bench Enhancement group

Harbrook Estates for support of Quarry Rigg area

Lakes School for Troutbeck Bridge Tubs

Nick Berry for work on the Memorial Garden

Deborah Wright of the SLDC

Debbie Binch, Penny Henderson and Janice Beardsley for their help with Windermere in Bloom.

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