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Glorious Glebe



Artist's impression

Improvements planned for Glebe Road are part of a £2m project aimed at improving transport links for people travelling by car, boat, bus, bike and on foot at key visitor destinations, including Brockhole and Grasmere.

'Optimising Connectivity' is being delivered by Cumbria County Council who will be working with South Lakeland District Council and the Lake District National Park Authority to implement the scheme. Windermere Town Council have been seeking investment to improve the foreshore at Bowness Bay for some time and an additional £200k on top of the Optimising Connectivity funding recently announced by SLDC to address this is warmly welcomed.

Being one of the Lake District's most popular tourist destinations the foreshore has been completely destroyed over time by geese. Enhancement of the foreshore, in addition to the plans for Glebe Road itself, will make a material difference to the visual impact of the area for local residents and visitors alike. Whilst some concern was expressed by Windermere Town Council regarding various issues affecting the highway it is believed that they will be reflected in the final planning. Further discussion is yet to take place with SLDC regarding the finer points of the planned foreshore enhancement. It is understood that the work will start this autumn and finish in early 2017.



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Entertaining opportunity

Windermere Town Council wants to encourage greater use of the Bandstand on the Glebe. It is a lovely spot to play and listen to music and enjoy the view.

Throughout July, they are asking local bands and musical groups to make contact if they would like to use the bandstand and they will help make all the arrangements. It's a great opportunity to raise money for your group, as you can put out a bucket for donations. The Town Council has also agreed to provide a donation to each group that plays.

If you would like to use the bandstand to showcase your group's talents and raise some funds, contact **Julie Wright**, Town Clerk on **07951 402372** or email **clerk@windermere-tc.gov.uk**



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So what does the

The Annual Report from Windermere Town Council identifies the following as just some of the work undertaken in the last year.

- Continued to support and keep open 8 public toilets, in conjunction with the Bowness and Windermere Community Care Trust.
- Responding to a large number of consultations and representing the views of residents in Windermere & Bowness. This includes making recommendations on every planning application within the parish that is submitted to the Lake District National Park Authority.
- Funding and organising Windermere in Bloom, including the provision of hanging baskets and flower tubs throughout the towns of Windermere & Bowness.
- The Town Steward and Advisory Group managed and cared for Orrest Head and Elleray Woods and arranged the continuing cutting back of vegetation and opening up of views.
- The Orrest Head access road has been repaired and the Town Steward has removed litter and debris on a regular basis. The most significant future project will be working with partners to reinstate the Victorian Carriage Drive, which will improve access to this beautiful site.
- Purchasing & installing the new bus shelter at Goodly Dale.
- Stepping in to save and subsidise the 597 bus service through the winter, when the County Council ceased to provide funding.

Breaking records!



Earlier this year **Windermere Fit Club** participated in a successful attempt to break a World Record. The record was broken when over 200,000 people world wide exercised simultaneously.

As a consequence they now officially hold the Guinness World Record "for most participants at one time performing a HIT (High Intensity Training) exercise class".

Over 50 people took part in the attempt held at Kendal Rugby Club on March 7th. Windermere Fit Club runs every Monday evening from 6pm at The Phoenix Centre, Windermere where all concerned have lots of fun whilst getting into great shape. For more information contact **James Pendleton** on **07900 573 743**

Town council do?

- Providing much needed grant funding for a number of local community groups, including the Winter Lights, Lakes Players, South Lakes CAB and the newly formed Oral History Group.
- Development and expansion of Council website, www.windermere-tc.gov.uk. Agendas and minutes, the Community Plan, application forms for co-option to council, grant application forms and information are all currently available to view or download.
- Managing and maintaining the Orrest Drive Allotment site. There are 14 allotments under cultivation and the Council is always keen to identify new allotment sites.
- Supporting the town twinning of Windermere with Diessen, which has included exchange visits and a very enjoyable performance of the Diessen Blassergruppe at the bandstand on the Glebe.
- Supporting the successful campaign which resulted in the County Council deciding to withdraw plans for on-street car parking charges in Windermere & Bowness.
- Continuing work to improve the War Memorial. This year, thanks go to the Windermere Air Cadets, whose hard work resulted in the Memorial looking extremely smart in time for Remembrance Sunday and commemoration of the First World War.

For more information about the Council please visit -

www.windermere-tc.gov.uk

Introducing...

Over the next few newsletters we will be featuring information about your town councillors. Here are...



Sandra Lilley was born in the British Colony of Bermuda and moved to the UK in July 1989 to join her younger sister who was living in the Lake District. From being an office manager in Bermuda Sandra became employed in the hospitality sector in the Lakes, retiring in 2012 due to a second battle with breast cancer. Whilst saying that she would never get involved in voluntary work she has, since retirement, become a member of Windermere Town Council through which she has become involved in Windermere in Bloom, The Ladyholme Centre and Goodly Dale Cottage Homes. Recently she has fought to save the 597 bus service. Sandra attends the Lakes Christian Centre and was a founder member of the Lakes Gospel Choir, she is also President of the Troutbeck Women's Institute.

Introducing...



Grania Nicholson has three adult children and her family has lived and worked within the area for many generations. She loves Windermere and feels extremely lucky to have raised her children in such a beautiful, safe and welcoming place. Representing Windermere Town Ward Grania wishes to help enhance the area for all, whilst giving something back to the town that has been so good to her family. Working in the Windermere area as a housekeeper she spends her spare time studying for a degree with the Open University and she is also a member of ITARA, an organisation that represents Impact Housing tenants across Cumbria and North Lancashire.

Jennifer Borer moved to Windermere over 40 years ago and her children, and now grandchildren, are benefitting from growing up in these wonderful surroundings too. She has been a member of the Town Council (formerly Parish) for over 30 years and has seen many changes through those years in the Council's responsibilities and the way in which benefits to the wider Community are delivered. Jenny was privileged to serve as Chairman for two years during that time and has always taken a particular interest in matters regarding the management of the Lake, endeavouring to safeguard its future for generations to come for the benefits it brings as the jewel in the crown within our Parish.



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Let's get together

Windermere & Bowness have been contacted by a beautiful town in Italy (Amandola) to request that we twin with them.

Currently the Town Council provides support for the one twinning partner in our area - Dießen an Ammersee in Bavaria- and a group of local people from the Twinning Association both here, and in Bavaria, make all the arrangements for visits and activities.

Unfortunately, the existing twinning committee does not feel that it could administer a further twinning partner and even though Councillors agree that it could be an opportunity missed, there are no current resources to help establish twinning with Amandola.

However, if there is a group of local people willing to set up a twinning committee and liaise with Amandola, Windermere Town Council would be pleased to put you in touch and the Town Council may be able to help out with a grant.

If you are interested in this town twinning opportunity, please contact **Julie Wright**, Town Clerk on **07951 402372** or email **clerk@windermere-tc.gov.uk**

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Earthquake felt locally



Julie Brockbank is a Windermere based Holistic Therapist who has started up a fund raising campaign for the very small Cumbrian charity called **Images of Nepal**. Based in Carlisle the charity provides education for some of the most needy children in the Kirtipur region of Kathmandu. The charity manager in Kathmandu has recently

reported that, out of the 90 children the charity supports, 42 have lost their homes.

Julie and her husband pay for the education of four children in Nepal through the charity and at the moment know that only two of the children are safe and are waiting for news of the other two girls. Julie told the HUB "We spend a lot of time in and around Kathmandu visiting the charity children and their schools, they are our personal friends. When I heard of the earthquake I felt I had to try and help and for this reason set up a **Givey** site - the site has already raised over £2,300 and its growing fast". Money has been electronically transferred to the charity manager in Kathmandu where she has already purchased a poly tunnel, now home to some of the charity children and their family members, a total 36 people. The charity manager Laxmi has also purchased large amounts of rehydration sachets and water purification tablets.

If you would like to help support this appeal please visit www.givey.com/kathmanduearthquakefund

Images of Nepal is a UK registered charity number 1102897 www.imagesofnepal.org

Don't sit on the fence!

In total Windermere and Bowness have some 171 benches, many of which are in need of repair. The Windermere and Bowness Community Bench Project is looking for volunteers to help undertake this work.

The good news is that you don't have to be brilliant at woodwork, just capable of sawing a piece of timber square and drilling a few holes. The bad news is that without more help it will take much longer to bring the benches up to a satisfactory state of repair.

In addition they also require a couple of people who are half decent with a paint brush as a number of benches are in need of a coat of stain or varnish. The majority of the benches are fixtures and work has to be done on site, usually on days when the weather is decent. Timber for the repairs is paid for by sponsorship.

One condition of the sponsorship is that small groups of school children are invited along to learn some practical skills and develop a sense of pride in their local community. Should you be interested in the project, and have some free time on your hands, please contact **Ian Irwin** on **07977141175** or e-mail iirwin004@btinternet.com

All aboard



Following the decision by Cumbria County Council to pull their subsidy from the 597 bus route Windermere Town Council provided some interim funding to secure provision of the

service until the end of April whilst local investigations took place to see how the route could be sustained longer term.

As a result of the investigations a group known as the "Friends of the 597" (Fo597) has been formed and they will take over responsibility for funding the route from 1st May. Fo597 have received a very positive response from existing users of the route and hope to encourage younger people who live on the route to use it, especially in summer when traffic gets worse, and parking impossible.

A recent funding raising BUS PULL organised by Windermere and Ambleside Lions helped raise hundreds of pounds and helped draw attention to the objectives of the friends.

Lion Ben Berry, who helped organise the event said "What could be more symbolic than pulling the bus that might be pulled from service?"

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Annual parish meeting

At the public meeting held at the The Marchesi Centre on April 14th attendees received updates from various local organisations and those that had received funding from the Council during the last financial year.

3 minute updates were received from Cumbria Police; South Lakes CAB; Lakes Line User Group; Windermere Youth Group; Winter Lights Committee; Public Toilets Committee; Bowness & Windermere Community Care Trust; The HUB; Windermere Air Cadets; Windermere Oral History Group; Town Twinning Association; Civic Society; Windermere Now; Windermere & Bowness Chamber of Trade; The Allotment Association and The Town Steward.

The Town Clerk, Ms Julie Wright, also provided an update taken from the Annual Report from the Town Council.

On the run!

A fund-raising effort by Windermere's **Caroline Kaye** has netted almost £8000 for charity. Caroline, co-owner of the Cedar Manor Hotel, ran the Great North Run last year and, most recently, the London Marathon to raise money for **Lupus UK**. After crossing the finish line in London, she joined husband Jonathan to draw the winning ticket in a raffle which had been part of her fund-raising.

Her tally of £7760 is still growing. Her effort in the Great North Run was the highest in the country for Lupus UK and Caroline was one of the top 5% charity fundraisers in 2014 using the Just Giving online scheme.

"I wanted to do a marathon before my 50th birthday, and I managed it by just a couple of weeks," said Caroline, who completed the race in just over five hours. "It was a fantastic experience and I want to do it again next year."

The photograph shows Caroline with raffle winner Brian Godfrey.



New face at the Phoenix

Simone Backhouse has recently joined the Bowness & Windermere Community Care Trust to manage activities at The Phoenix Centre and help develop other community based projects.

Simone, who originates from Barrow, followed her late father into the police in 1984 and had to move away from Barrow as it was not possible to serve in the same division as her dad. Since then she has served in the west of the County and more recently across the south, the last few years based in Windermere where she was instrumental in helping develop relationships between the Police and local schools. Simone retired from the Police last November.

Married to Andrew, the local chimney sweep, she has three children, the oldest about to graduate from Durham University, the middle hoping to attend Nottingham University to study Veterinary Medicine and the youngest still attending school locally.

Simone is hoping that her wide experience of working as a police officer, and as a mother, will help BWCCCT further develop the existing range of projects provided which, in addition to The Phoenix Centre, include Windermere meals, delivery of a weekly luncheon club and drop in morning and management of the local public toilets.

Simone is available on 07849 080709 or via phoenixwindermere@gmail.com

Jazz in June

Permanent residents living in the LA postcode area are being offered the opportunity to enjoy the lighter, longer evenings with special Jazz Cruises aboard one of Windermere's majestic steamers this June – complete with a special 20% discount.



The Summer Evening Jazz Cruises - which combine good food, stunning views and great music - get underway from Saturday 13th June. There will be an exclusive discount for all June sailings for anyone with a Residents' Discount Card; this free-to-join scheme is open to anyone with a permanent address in a CA or LA postcode area*.

Whether it's a group outing with family and friends, a romantic occasion or a unique way to round off a day on the Lakeland fells, passengers can enjoy a relaxing beer or glass of wine from a well-stocked bar, before tucking into a sumptuous chilled buffet. They can then take to the dance floor or simply sit back and enjoy the unique perspective of Windermere's shoreline as they glide around the lake.

Freshly prepared food will include an array of local produce such as lamb and beef from the fells, Windermere Char, cheese from Cumbrian dairies and shrimps from Morecambe Bay.

Musical entertainment will be provided by Windermere Lake Cruises' resident band Trickle Charge, a popular four-piece group who'll get toes tapping with a mixture of Latin rhythms, mainstream jazz and tasteful pop. Band members hail from Newby Bridge, Barrow, Morecambe and Ambleside respectively.

Resident Passes can be used on all Summer Evening Jazz Cruise dates for June 2015:

- Saturday 13th June
- Saturday 20th June
- Saturday 27th June

Tickets cost £31.95 per adult and £19.50 per child (5-15 years). Family tickets are available for £88 (2 adults + up to 3 children).

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*Residents' Discount Cards for Windermere Lake Cruises are completely free to join. The only criterion is that you must be permanently resident in the LA or CA postcode areas.

Millerground restoration

Windermere & Bowness Civic Society is very pleased to announce that its Millerground restoration project, on the eastern shore of Windermere, has been awarded two grants by South Lakeland District Council from the SLDC 'Locally Important Project' fund.

The awards are for two aspects of the Millerground project. £6100 has been awarded towards pathway improvements. This money will be combined with a similar grant recently received from the Cumbria County Council local members' fund. This will mean the step-free footpath from Rayrigg Meadow car park down to the lakeshore can be significantly upgraded.



It should enable much easier access for all local residents and visitors, especially those who find steps, or steep muddy paths difficult to negotiate. Improving the surface, edging and drainage will also make a huge improvement for pedestrians and also for pushchair, and hopefully wheelchair access, so opening this fantastic area of lakeshore for people of all ages and abilities. In addition, £3000 has been awarded by SLDC to continue the improvement of the view from Rayrigg Bank over the lake to Claife Heights and the fells. The grant will also provide materials for some new picnic benches to be built and sited to take advantage of this view. The Millerground Group will be working with Age Concern's 'men-in-sheds' team to design and make the picnic benches. The plan is to incorporate a heat resistant stone slab on each picnic table so that the wood of the tables remains undamaged by portable BBQs.

The aim is to provide a family-friendly picnic area overlooking the lake, easily accessible from the car park. Thanks to everyone involved in the Millerground restoration project who have helped secure these grants for the Windermere & Bowness Community.

The Love District

Windermere's award-winner designer Alison Tordoff loves the Lake District so much she has designed an entire range devoted to it.

The Love District is an exclusive home décor range from Alison's Fidget Design which celebrates the history, culture and landscape of the Cumbrian fells and lakes.

It includes a distinctive "Lakeland bookends" wallpaper, with matching aprons and tea towels, along with cushions and other home décor fabrics. Cushions are decorated with outlines of the Lakeland fells, including Catbells, Haystacks, and the iconic view of the mountains at the head of Wastwater.

"The ideas for this new label were inspired by Cumbria and the Lakes," said Alison, who has won awards for her hotel designs "I am passionate about the Lake District and its rich culture of art, history and literature, as well as the landscape."

The range will eventually include design-led gifts and home accessories including fine china mugs. For more information visit www.thelovedistrict.com



Photo: Jonathan Kaye and the Love District apron - a pose in a good cause!

On your bike

A "Cycle Action Event" will be taking place on July 18th and 19th at K village in Kendal.

South Lakes Action for Climate Change Towards Transition (Slacc tt) has been asked to manage an "Old Cycle and Cycle bits sale".

K Village will be providing space to store them in advance. 'BikeGen I' an 8 bicycle people-powered electricity generating 'power station' will also be there and the event will also help raise some money towards SLACC tt's planned film promoting cycling.

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Full contact details for each Councillor will be made available on the Town Council website
www.windermere-tc.gov.uk

As the Council would normally be represented by 20 Councillors opportunities for co-option to fill the 7 vacant seats might be available. Please contact the Town Clerk on clerk@windermere-tc.gov.uk if you would like to become a member of the Council.

Windermere Town Council holds meetings twice a month, on the first and fourth Wednesday.

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