

Allerdale Leisure Partnership News

Keeping you informed and up to date

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Dear Partner

It's hard to believe that it's time for another partnership news but as they say time flies when you're having fun!

Since our last newsletter we have continued apace with our improvements to Cockermouth Leisure Centre and in the last few weeks the roof has started to go onto the new extension at last. New car parking is also taking shape and we have started to think in depth about programming for the exciting new spaces that will become available. With this in mind you can expect to see a number of questionnaires appear shortly asking stakeholders what they would like to see from the much improved Cockermouth facility. If you see one of these please let us have your thoughts.

Despite one of the busiest summers ever the staff at Keswick still found time to assist Theatre by The Lake's New Directions team in the production of an innovative series of short plays that were actually performed in the Pool space. This was a tremendous success and talks have already taken place about more of the same in the future - watch this space!

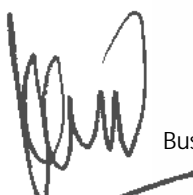
At Workington we are as busy as ever and of particular note were the very successful open day

and the continuation of a scheme designed to get children from rural parts of Allerdale into the centre for the summer holiday schemes. Details of both of these initiatives are contained in the newsletter.

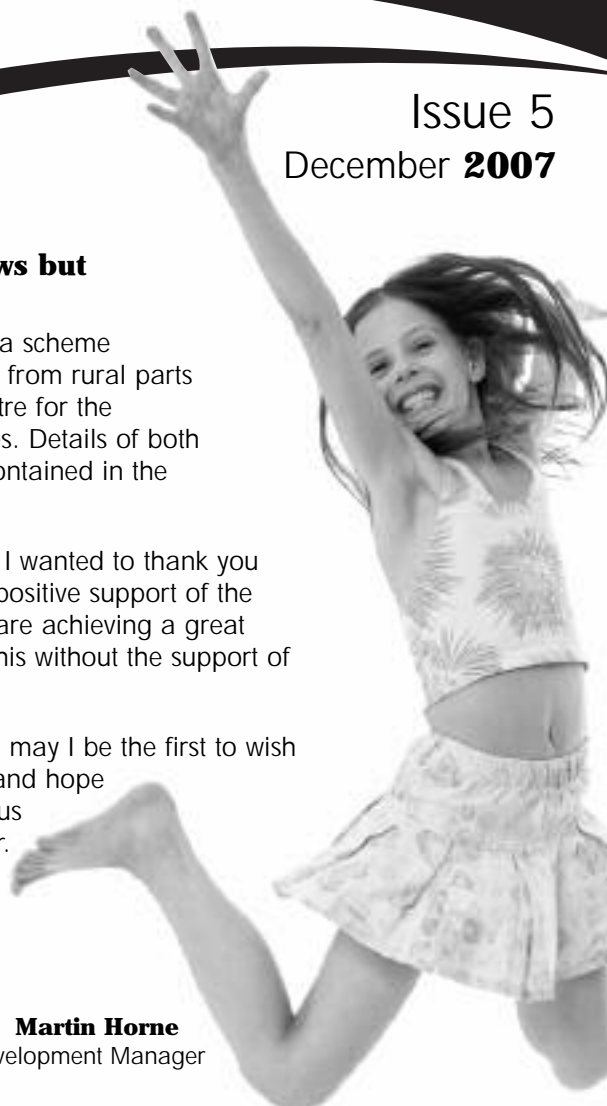
Finally on behalf of CLL I wanted to thank you for your continued and positive support of the leisure partnership. We are achieving a great deal and could not do this without the support of our partners.

Enjoy the newsletter and may I be the first to wish you a Merry Christmas and hope you all have a prosperous and successful New Year.

Best wishes



Martin Horne
Business Development Manager



Awards for Allerdale Leisure

Cumbria Business of the Year

Carlisle Leisure Limited was confirmed as a finalist in the inaugural Cumbria Business Awards.

The awards organised by Cumbria Media Ltd and sponsored by Washington Group International, saw businesses from across the County competing in a variety of categories. The category we were shortlisted for was Social Enterprise Business of the Year.

Winners were announced at a ceremony in November at Hundith Hill Hotel, Cockermouth.

Cumbria Business Environment Award

Carlisle Leisure Limited has been awarded the Cumbria Business Environment Network Gold Award for good practice and management.

This acknowledges the great efforts made by the teams across all of our facilities.

Thanks to everyone for their continued support.



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Cockermouth New Build

The final phase of the major project at Cockermouth began in earnest during the summer with large scale changes to the building evident almost instantly.

The Pool and Dry Side became two separate buildings as work began to create the 'Dome' which will house the new entrance, reception and studio space. Reception has been temporarily housed in a portacabin alongside the pool building with entrance to the dry side facilities available at the rear of the centre. Disruption for our customers has been kept to a minimum and we have been able to maintain a full programme during the refurbishment works. The much needed extension to the car park was completed during September which will provide additional spaces.

Over the winter months programming will begin for the additional studio space that is being created and this will be carried out in conjunction with current user groups.

The handover of the new building is scheduled for March 2008, which should hopefully enable the new spaces to be fully operational for the Easter holiday period. The



One building becomes two as dryside and poolside are split to being transforming the building

additional activity space means that we can look at developing the current Easter and Summer programmes for children and the possibility of hosting holiday camps will be explored. An official opening will be held along with a series of open sessions where individuals and groups can come along and see exactly what changes have been made to the centre.

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The steelwork is erected for the new dome structure



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Rural Transport Scheme

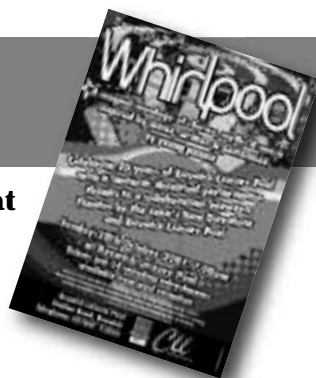
Following the success of the previous transport schemes at Workington Leisure Centre we embarked on a full 6 week service this summer.



Once again youngsters from across Allerdale were able to access the summer programme at the centre with free transport. 454 children attended the summer camp with 30 of those children using the transport 252 times between them which works out that 55.5% of the camp attendees used the transport provided.

Drama in the Water at Keswick!

A truly unique performance was held at Keswick Leisure Pool on Sunday 28th October. A collaboration between the centre and the Theatre by the Lake's New Directions team helped celebrate the centre's 20th birthday.



The performance entitled 'Whirlpool' saw a series of stories, myths and music inspired by water and written and performed by young people. An

audience of 100 watched the performance and enjoyed complimentary refreshments afterwards.

Feedback Forms

All sites should now have the new style customer feedback cards in place.

The attractive and customer friendly new forms have been structured to encourage feedback in such a way that we can use it in a positive manner to inform possible changes and improvements to the products and services we offer.

The information is a valuable tool to enable us to deliver the very best range of services to the people of Allerdale.

We have also introduced a new email address for customer comments - cllcomments@carlisle.gov.uk



Summer Fun at Allerdale Leisure

As ever, summer has been a very busy time at our 3 centres.

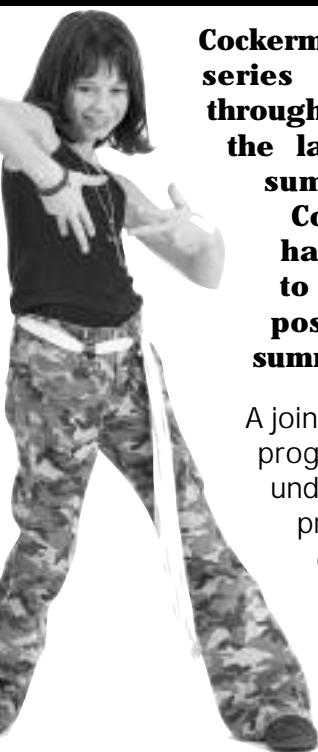
Cockermouth and Workington run a series of activities for children throughout the six week period, with the latter running a very popular summer camp. Next summer Cockermouth will benefit from having additional activity space to be programmed and the possibility of introducing a summer camp will be investigated.

A joint approach to marketing the summer programme at Workington was undertaken this year with a combined programme going out to all school children in the borough. The programme combined the activities available at Workington Leisure Centre, the PARCs scheme and

also South Workington Partnership activities. Cost benefits were gained by this approach and a much wider catchment could be covered.

Keswick Leisure Pool had a fantastic summer period helped greatly by the terrible weather we experienced.

The 10p swims continue to be a very popular feature of the summer programmes at both Cockermouth and Workington. An extra session has also been programmed into the Autumn timetable at Keswick.



Workington Leisure Centre

Open Day

The Annual Workington Leisure Centre Open Day & Football tournament took place on the 14th and 15th July.

The competition took place over the two days and attracted teams from all over the county playing in U8, U10, U12 and U14 age groups. 36 teams entered and competed with the teams sponsored by the centre, Allerdale Leisure, winning the U12's tournament for the second year running.

The nominated charities for this year was West Cumbria Hospice and Home and the West Cumbria Heart and Stroke Foundation and a total of £1000 was raised.

Congratulations to Fiona and the team for another tremendous effort.

Easier Access at Keswick

A new disabled access chair is now in place at Keswick Leisure Pool which will enable easier access to the pool.

New Spinning Bikes

12 new spinning bikes have been purchased for Cockermouth Leisure Centre. The studio space will be refurbished as part of the ongoing redevelopment works at the centre.

New Canoes

8 new canoes have been purchased for Workington, with courses programmed to run throughout the year. The first sessions were ran throughout Summer and were extremely popular.

Centre Tours

The new Portfolio Holder for Leisure Councillor Margaret Jackson toured all three centres with Martin Horne and Peter Haley. Councillor Jackson will also take up a position on the Management Board of Carlisle Leisure Limited.

Got anything for the newsletter?

Send it in to the contact address below and we'll publish in our next newsletter.

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