

PORTFOLIO:

PROMOTING CARLISLE

Report of
Portfolio Holder:

**COUNCILLOR
MITCHELSON**

1. **CPA**

The announcement of our CPA result was made on October 16th 2003 by the Audit Commission. The announcement that Carlisle City Council is a "good" Authority is great cause for celebration. Our congratulations and thanks go to all Members and all our staff for helping us to achieve this good result.

2. **EVENTS**

Fire Show

The Council's Annual Fireshow takes place on Saturday 01 November 2003. This year's theme is 'Flights of Fancy'. There will be several 'builds' in the bonfire for example, bi-plane, rocket, balloon. The theme celebrates 100 years of flight since the Wright Brothers first took to the air.

Reach for the Stars

This event takes place on Saturday 15 November 2003 with the final taking place on Sunday 16 November 2003, it will be followed by the Up A Light Service and the Christmas Light Tree Switch on at 3pm.

Christmas Light Switch On

Carlisle's Christmas Lights switch on will take place on Sunday 16th November at 5.30pm. This year they will be switched on by Jan Leeming who will be appearing in this year's Panto, Dick Whittington in the Sands Centre. Prior to the Switch On there will be a programme of entertainment on the stage situated by the Old Town Hall from 4.30pm.

BBC's Children In Need

There will be live entertainment on the City Centre Stage throughout the day on November 21st as part of the BBC's Children in Need fundraising event.

Torch Light Procession

On Saturday 13th December a Torch Light Procession will be starting from the Cathedral, through the City Centre onto St. Cuthbert's Church where a Band will play.

A FULL PROGRAMME OF EVENTS FOR CHRISTMAS IN CARLISLE IS ATTACHED FOR INFORMATION.

2004 Programme of Events

The provisional programme for 2004 is as follows:

Spring Show 02/03 May

Festival of Nations 19 June

Carlisle Carnival 11 July

Upperby Gala 31 May

Fireshow 06 November

3. SCOTTISH ROTARIANS

Carlisle has been the venue for this year's annual conference of Scottish Rotarians held over the weekend of 24th – 26th October. Over 850 delegates were attending this event which will significantly promote Carlisle both as a conference venue and a City to visit and stay.

4. BRITAIN IN BLOOM

Following on from the Cumbria in Bloom, Carlisle was awarded the City's Silver Award at the National Honours Ceremony for Britain in Bloom.

This is an excellent accolade for the City and all those who have been involved in the floral decorations around Carlisle.

All out thanks go to our staff and members of the community who contributed to such an excellent floral display.

5. 2004 NATIONAL RALLY

On Thursday 09 October 2003 Carlisle was confirmed as one of the two venues for the prestigious national car rally - 'Roger Albert Clark Rally'.

Carlisle beat off competition from Gateshead to play host to two days of the four-day event which will take place on 20 – 24 November 2004.

The event aims to reproduce the style and feel of the old RAC Rally of Great Britain, which event organiser's claim was at its greatest in the 1970's and 1980's.

The event, staged over four days, will start in Sheffield before travelling to Carlisle and tour around the Lakes and South Scotland, before travelling back to Sheffield. Many of the traditional RAC stages will be used including Kielder Forest and Grizedale.

6. LOCAL DEMOCRACY WEEK

Monday 13 October 2003 was the start of this years' Local Democracy Week. We built on the success and popularity of last year's Young Mayor experiment and this year invited the primary schools to elect a Young Mayor and ten-year-old Yewdale School pupil, Alexandra Hayton was chosen as Carlisle's Young Mayor

In addition, we organised a Youth Executive, where two representatives from five secondary schools meet to discuss proposals to spend £2,000 of the Council's budget. Year 11,12 and 13 (15-18 year olds) students from Trinity, Caldew, St Aidan's, Austin Friars and William Howard took part. I chaired their first meeting in this Council Chamber on the first day of the Week. It was a lively debate and the 10 members of the Youth Executive will be meeting again in a few weeks to discuss schemes they'd like to spend the Council's money on.

7. LIFE EVENTS

Carlisle residents are able to get information and contact details, to help them through events they may have to face in their lives, all at a touch of a button.

We have introduced a new section, 'Life Events' to our website. It has eight topics covering all stages of life, from having a baby to retirement. It also includes moving home, starting school, finding a job, dealing with crime, health and bereavement.

Since its launch in December last year (2002), our website has had more than 300,000 hits, it is constantly evolving and contains new updated sections for children and young people, events, planning

applications, jobs, A-Z of City Council Services, council meetings and there is also the opportunity to make payments online.
To access the website log on to www.carlisle.gov.uk

Capture the magic of Christmas in

CARLISLE

The Christmas City

With a fantastic festive programme of events, features and lights including:

Cadbury

CHRISTMAS GROTTO

see Father Christmas & the animated Polar Bears in a Dickensian winter wonderland

AND

The Story of Christmas Trees EXHIBITION

See over for the full Christmas programme

VISIT
FATHER
CHRISTMAS
& THE
POLAR
BEARS

CARLISLE - The Christmas City

- 15 Nov - 4 Jan See the City Centre's contemporary 'Christmas Carol' sculptures and Christmas Trees.
- 16 Nov 'Light Up A Life' service and 'Christmas Light Tree' switch on 3pm.
- 16 Nov Switch on of Carlisle's spectacular new Christmas Lights with Jan Leeming. Entertainment starts 4:30pm - city centre.
- 20 Nov - 24 Dec Cadbury Christmas Grotto - See Father Christmas and the animated Polar Bears in a Dickensian winter wonderland in the Old Town Hall.
- 20 Nov Late night shopping commences - every Thursday up to 24th Dec.
- 21 Nov BBC's Children in Need - live entertainment all day on stage - City Centre.
- 22 Nov - 11 Jan Northern Potters Exhibition - Tullie House.
- 22 Nov St Cecilia's Day Concert - St Cuthbert's Church.
- 28 Nov Ken Dodd Christmas Show - The Sands Centre.
- 29 Nov - 24 Dec The Story Of Christmas Trees Exhibition. A unique display of decorated Christmas Trees through history - Cathedral grounds.
- 1-13 Dec Humpty Dumpty - The Pantomime - Green Room, West Walls.
- 2 Dec Christmas Floral Arranging - Special demonstration by TV celebrity, Carl Wilde with local expert, Derek Armstrong in the Crown & Mitre Hotel.
- 3 Dec Christmas Recipes cookery demonstration & supper - Prior's Kitchen, Cathedral.
- 5 Dec Farmers' Christmas Market - Cathedral Precinct.
- 5-7 Dec Victorian Christmas in the Market Hall with traditional entertainment, period costume and cookery demonstrations.
- 6 Dec Dominic Kirwan Christmas Show - The Sands Centre.
- 11 Dec Cook's Tour with local chef, John Crouch - tour kitchenware departments in City Centre stores, then supper and demo in Café 41, Bullough's.
- 11-13 Dec Christmas Market including Made In Cumbria craft and food fair and 'Tastes Of The North West' - Cathedral Precinct.
- 12-14 Dec Christmas Beer Festival - Cumberland Inn, Botchergate
The best of Cumbrian Ales in one of Carlisle's finest traditional pubs.
- 13 Dec Join the Torchlight Procession with Carols in the Cathedral, City Centre and St. Cuthbert's Church. Includes brass band, hog roast and seasonal refreshments in St. Cuthbert's Churchyard.
- 17-30 Dec Dick Whittington Panto at The Sands Centre - starring Jan Leeming and Peter Dean (EastEnders).
- 27-30 Dec Union of the Crowns, Christmas Guided Tours with costumed guides as Tudor and Stuart characters. Seasonal refreshments - Carlisle Castle.

**For tickets and further details, please contact
Carlisle Tourist Information Centre, Old Town Hall 01228 625600**

**PLUS visit the Cadbury Christmas Grotto and you can
enter our DAILY FREE DRAW TO WIN A YEAR'S SUPPLY OF
CADBURY'S CHOCOLATE!**

