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Title: **Culture, Heritage & Leisure Portfolio Holder's Report –**

Councillor Stephen Higgs

EVENTS

City of Lights 2023 held another successful event on 23rd, 24th and 25th February at Carlisle Cathedral, Tullie House and Carlisle Castle.

The **International Market** is back in Carlisle from 6th to 10th April.

Work has begun on a new project called '**Immersive Space**' and is a partnership between Carlisle City Council and the Pupil Referral Unit. The project will work with James Rennie pupils in creating an immersive sensory space that can be used purely to create environments that will offer a multimedia fully immersive space for people with restrictive or no movement. Funding is being sourced to progress the project in order for it to be flexible for transportation to rural areas.

GLL are supporting the **ParkPlay** initiative which is currently operating out of Hammonds Ponds. **ParkPlay** offer free play activities to all children of school age. To encourage more participants, GLL have offered a free family swim to all those who attend **ParkPlay** regularly.

TULLIE HOUSE

Tullie has had a busy two months of **family events** which have helped give visitor numbers a boost during the usually quieter months of December and January. On Saturday, 4th February our new exhibition **The Legend of King Arthur: A Pre-Raphaelite Love Story** opened to the public after a very well attended preview on the evening of the 3rd which saw over 200 people attend. This exhibition explores the legend of King Arthur within the Victorian imagination, presenting national myths and legends through the eyes of Pre-Raphaelite artists.

This period has also seen the launch of the new **Tullie brand** which has begun to be rolled out with new internal and external signage and a new name and tag line – Tullie: Carlisle's Home Of Culture.

Project Tullie is progressing well with a concept design for Phase 2 agreed by the Project Board and Tullie Trustees. The Design Team are aiming to submit a Planning Application for building works in February. We held a closed consultation event with invited users and neighbours in early February - the event was successful, with feedback being largely positive. Data from surveys completed by attendees will be used by the Design Team to form part of the Planning Application. There will be a wider public sharing of the plans in the near future.

CUMBRIA'S MUSEUM OF MILITARY LIFE

- Museum celebrated its 90th Birthday in December 2022
- Monthly talks programme well attended – attracting speakers both local and from outside Cumbria
- Continue to provide a monthly lunch for local veterans

UPCOMING EVENTS

Carlisle Citadel Station Tour	26 th February	Tour starts at Court Square
Carlisle City Ghost Tours	5 th & 19 th March	Tour starts at post Box outside the Tourist Information Centre
Roachford	3 rd March	Old Fire Station
Whitney: Queen of the Night	4 th March	Sands Centre
Dub Pistols	4 th March	The Brickyard
Quartet Malamatina In Concert	6 th March	Fratry
Hayseed Dixie	7 th March	Old Fire Station
Winter Warmer	9 th March	Carlisle Racecourse
The UK Rock Show	11 th March	Old Fire Station
Dirty Harry	11 th March	The Brickyard
Elmore String Quartet	16 th March	Fratry
The Marley Experience	17 th March	Old Fire Station
UK Foo Fighters	18 th March	Old Fire Station
Afternoon of Talks on King Arthur and the Pre-Raphaelites	18 th March	Tullie House
Mother's Day Racing	19 th March	Carlisle Racecourse
The Story Of Soul	23 rd March	Sands Centre
This Is Britpop!	24 th March	Sands Centre
Carlisle Comic Con	25 th March	Central Academy
Ministry Of Science Live: Saved The World	26 th March	Sands Centre
Go North Finals Raceday	26 th March	Carlisle Racecourse

Tim Peake: My Journey To Space	30 th March	Sands Centre
North Lakes Tattoo Show 2023	31 st March	Old Fire Station