

Agenda Item  
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**PORTFOLIO:**

**COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES**

Report of  
Portfolio Holder:

**COUNCILLOR  
PATTINSON**

## 1. TULLIE HOUSE

The huge success of the Antony Gormely Field for the British Isles which received over 2,500 visitors in its first week of exhibition. The visitor comments have on this exhibition have been very positive and it has brought in new audiences to the Museum.

The final part of the Atrium project is now complete and the new multimedia presentation, which provides an introduction to Tullie House and the Museum and Arts service is now open to the public. There are also two computers with touch screens, providing What's On information as well as virtual tours and information about the collections. The presentation has improved access to the heritage at both Tullie House and the Guildhall to enable the Council to comply with the DDA Act.

### Joint Project with St. Martins College

The Partnership project between St. Martins College, Tullie House Education Section and local schools was the first of its kind, and was awarded funding from the Teacher Training Agency. The aim was to explore ways of enhancing the mentoring of student teachers whilst extending and strengthening the strong working relationships that already existed between the institutions involved.

Student teachers came to Tullie House with their placement schools to take part in different activities, which allowed them to "Investigate science through pre-history". These activities included an artefact handling session using flint arrow heads, saws and knives as well as stone axes from the Tullie House collections, meeting Ian McNichol who was in Character as a man from the stone age and showed the children how to nap a flint, how to polish an axe head and how to drill into stone using replica tools from the period. The children also dyed cloth using natural materials, spun fleece on a drop spindle and did some cave painting with mud! The schools involved were Lees Hill, Great Corby, Irthington and Hallbankgate.

## 2. SHOPMOBILITY

Carlisle shopmobility celebrated 10 years of success recently and were congratulated by the Mayor who hosted a lunch for them. The service is run by volunteers and is obviously very much appreciated by users and carers alike.

### 3. SURE START

The Executive has met twice now and are well on the way to see some action highlighted in the development plan. One major initiative is due to be implemented in the very near future. A new play area in Lund Crescent should be erected within the next five weeks and planning for a play area in the Petteril Bank area will start immediately. The possibility of a toy library is being investigated at the moment and dental care packs are being purchased and distributed very shortly.

### 3. CARLISLE ACHIEVEMENT ZONE

In The last couple of weeks I have met with three groups of young people from Carlisle Achievement Zone, part of their curriculum is to investigate how local democracy works. To help them with this I show them round the Civic Suite, discuss how the Council works and then over a cup of coffee answer any questions they might have. Five groups from this achievement zone have visited the Civic Centre so far. The Leader and I also received a group of young students from Scotby Primary School.

### 4. GRANTS

I have made awards again to a number of groups as you will be aware and I hope that you will all have received a grant application for the Golden Jubilee celebration. I thought it might be helpful for you – as if like me you are constantly asked for these forms.

### 5. CRIME & DISORDER

The Carlisle Crime and Disorder Audit Summary has recently been published. The strategy is being prepared with our partners.