

PORTFOLIO:

PROMOTING CARLISLE

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CARLISLE PARTNERSHIP

The Carlisle Partnership continues to enjoy support from all sectors (public, private, voluntary and community) and we are grateful for the time and efforts of all individuals and partners involved.

The Partnership's working groups continue to deliver their action plans and develop projects designed to advance the aims of Carlisle's Sustainable Community Strategy.

Notable progress in recent weeks has included the Healthy Communities Group central involvement in Carlisle's first Healthy City Week, which ran from the 17th – 23rd November. The week brought together a series of core events and supplementary activity delivered directly by Healthy Communities Group Partners. The core events included a joint workshop between elected members and NHS professionals (the partnership were extremely grateful for the support and commitment shown by the City Council's elected members) and a Healthy Urban Planning Conference (attended by over 50 delegates from a range of sectors). These events have been instrumental in putting health considerations at the heart of City Council planning and services – a key concept behind the Healthy City approach. In total in excess of 400 people took part in Healthy City Week events, increasing health literacy, awareness of services and activity across the district.

Key forthcoming events in the Carlisle Partnership Calendar include the Partnership's Executive Meeting on the 14th November – this will include a key issue debate on supporting communities and community engagement. If members would like to be involved in this session please contact Gavin Capstick, the Carlisle Partnership Manager.

The Carlisle Partnership will also be hosting a "Focus on Housing and Development in Carlisle" event on November 22nd. This will bring together stakeholders from across the city to help shape the City Council's Housing Strategy and Local Development Framework. Again, if members would like

more information or wish to attend the event, please contact Gavin Capstick at the City Council.

Once again the Partnership would like to thank all partners for their continued efforts and support.

CARLISLE FOCUS

The next edition of Carlisle Focus will be delivered to households across the district in the third week of November. This edition is for the winter and spring period and includes key information from partners such as the Citizens Advice Bureau, Police, NHS and County Council.

We have been invited to join the Editorial Board of the proposed countywide magazine; the board is tasked with developing this new venture. There is potential for increased input from partners into Carlisle Focus so that it is seen as the magazine of choice for the whole sector.

EVENTS

Fireshow

Saturday, 5th November 2011, Bitts Park

Planning for the Fireshow well under way which, this year, has an Olympic theme. We are working in partnership with Carlisle Leisure Limited and CN Events. A crowd of 35,000 people is anticipated for the 25th anniversary event, starting at 7pm.

Roger Albert Clark Rally

Monday, 5 December 2011, Carlisle City Centre

Ceremonial finish in Carlisle city pedestrianised area at around 2.15pm. Free.

Countdown to 2012 Olympics

A 'Global Welcome to Carlisle' is planned as part of the Carlisle stage of the 2012 Olympic Torch Relay.

Carlisle has been chosen as one of the host cities for the relay route and an evening celebration will be held in Bitts Park, between 6pm and 8pm on Wednesday 20 June 2012. This will mark the Olympic Flame stopping in the city as part of its journey around the UK.

As part of its journey through the city streets, local residents, schools, businesses and community groups are being invited to join in the celebration and share in the Olympic spirit. More than 20 groups have already pledged their support and will be helping to 'animate' the route through Carlisle. This could include creative displays, performing arts or street decoration.

CHRISTMAS EVENTS

Carlisle's city centre is set to stage the lighting up of the city's festive decorations on Sunday, 20 November.

Carlisle City Council, CN Events and Carlisle Leisure Ltd have teamed up to provide a packed family entertainment programme, to suit all ages starting at 2pm. **'The BIG Switch On!'** stage will be in place outside the Old Town Hall and will play host to an afternoon of free open-air entertainment.

Olivia Story will join the Mayor of Carlisle, Cllr Barry Earp, to trigger a galaxy of Christmas lights in the city centre at 5.30pm.

Father Christmas and his reindeer will be making a visit to Carlisle on Thursday 24 November when he leads a **Santa Parade** through city streets. His procession will be the finale of a fun-packed family event at Carlisle Castle, between 5.45pm and 6.30pm.

After travelling down Castle Street on his sleigh, he will hand over to a Town Crier and the Mayor, who will officially declare the Cumbrian Christmas Market open for business. Traders in traditional wooden chalets will sell festive gifts and food between Thursday 24 November and Sunday 27 November.

An **International Christmas Market** will also be held between Wednesday 7 December and Sunday 11 December in the city centre. This popular market is welcomed, with its gifts, flavours and aromas from all over Continental Europe and beyond, which will include a wide collection of stalls and products from Thailand, India, South Africa, France, Germany, Spain and so many more!

A **Christmas Carol Service** at Carlisle Cathedral will also be held on Thursday 8 December. Starting at 6.15pm, this popular event will also include carol singing in the city centre followed by a Hog Roast in the historic Tithe Barn. Tickets for the Hog Roast will be available on the night of the event.

Guided walks around key landmarks will also be held by Open Book Tours. Including notorious Crime Stories at the Citadel and Ghost tours.

This year's **Sands Centre Pantomime** is set to be a family event not to be missed. Their Cinderella production features CFM's Robbie Dee as the Fairy Godmother and will run between Tuesday 13 December and Saturday 31 December, with matinee and evening performances most days. Tickets are priced from £9 and are selling fast.

The chance to try out some tasty homemade treats is on offer at **Talkin Tarn** this festive season.

Christmas lunches will be available at the Boathouse Tearoom between Friday 2 December and Friday 23 December (Wednesday – Sunday). Evening bookings are also available on request. Their traditional three course meal costs only £19.95 and includes a vegetarian option too. The tearoom has disabled access and during the festive period, a log burning stove will add to the Christmas spirit. Telephone 016977 41050 to book your place.

Santa will also be making a visit to Carlisle's Talkin Tarn this Christmas. A Green Grotto will be open in the Alex Boathouse on Saturday 3 - Sunday 4 December, Saturday 10 - Sunday 11 December and Saturday 17 - Sunday 18 December, between 11am and 3pm each day. As well as meeting Santa and

receiving a small gift, there will also be the chance for local children to post their letter to Lapland. Entry is £2.95 per child.

Carlisle's Victorian Covered **Market Hall** will be transformed into a winter wonderland on Saturday 10 December when it stages its Annual Fancy Dress Christmas Party. CFM's Robbie Dee will be around between 9.30am -11am, followed by Santa at 11am. There will also be face painting and entertainment will be provided by Mary the Faerie. Spend £10, or more, on participating Market Stalls and receive free entry to the Market Hall Christmas Voucher Draw.

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