

Report to:

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**– Councillor Anne Quilter**

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### **Carlisle Midsummer Pageant**

Planning is well underway to deliver the Carlisle Midsummer Pageant to be held on August 17th. The pageant will symbolise the procession of Carlisle's historic charter into the City where it will be stored in the Guildhall, ready for the Proclamation on 24 August. A pipe band will lead the pageant.

A full working group has now been established and will oversee all aspects of the event. From May 29<sup>th</sup> onwards, community workshops will take place where participants will design and make giant puppets, flags and banners. Puppets will depict key local historical events and characters. The old Fire Station is currently being prepared to act as a community workshop space.

In addition the Heathlands summer project will work in the Fire Station Aug 5<sup>th</sup> – 17<sup>th</sup> and Multi-Cultural Carlisle will be participating in the event.

The Council will be supported by Chester Midsummer Watch who will be working alongside local artists. Puppets from Chester will participate in our Pageant and plans are being made to take a selection of Carlisle's puppets to Chester during the weekend of June 22<sup>nd</sup>/23<sup>rd</sup>

### **Carlisle Proclamation**

This historic event will take place on August 24th, when a small parade including the Chief Executive, Jason Gooding, a Town Crier and two pipers will proceed through the town to read out the Proclamation to assembled crowds.

## **Carlisle Music City**

Planning continues for this successful event which will take place between 25 May and 2 June. A range of funding has been secured. Carlisle City Council has pledged £5000 to the event, Riverside Housing Group have committed £2000, the County Council's Local Committee have agreed £4,500 and Councillor Whalen has donated £1,000 from his Councillors allowance.

The event includes a main stage, booked for the town centre for Bank Holiday Monday, 27 May, as has the bandstand throughout the week, with up to 50 local musicians taking part. The event has linked up with 'BBC Introducing', created in 2007, 'Introducing' aims to 'support unsigned, undiscovered and under the radar musicians.' Local musicians will be able to record and play their own music on local radio.

Classical Carlisle are also involved and discussions are underway about their offer at various venues

## **Subway Development**

### **Trinity Subway**

The redesign of the Trinity subway started on 2<sup>nd</sup> April 2013 and was completed on 12th April, following 9 days of hard work by a team of volunteers from the Probation Service, University of Cumbria, the Heathlands Project and Inspira. Funding for this work has come from Carlisle City Council, The Carlisle and Eden Community Safety Partnership, Cllr Martlew and Cllr Whalen. The County Council has also allocated £1000 towards the cost of anti-graffiti paint to be applied by the Probation Service next month.

### **Hardwicke Circus Subways**

Following a bid that was submitted to the Dulux Lets Colour Campaign, Carlisle City Council in conjunction with Groundwork North East were successful in securing £7820 towards the redesign of the Sands and Bitts Park Subways. A competition was launched and local artists and community groups were asked to submit design ideas. Following the competition two local artists were selected to install their designs onto the Sands and Bitts Park subways.

Preparatory work will commence the week commencing the 15<sup>th</sup> April and the redesign will be completed by the 20<sup>th</sup> May. Anti graffiti coating will also be applied to these subways once completed.

## **Youth Exchange**

In July, Carlisle will play host to the 2013 Youth Exchange when students from both Slupsk and Flensburg will visit Carlisle. Plans and dates are being finalised to celebrate the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Exchange Programme.

## **Sports Development**

Various activities relating to sport continue to be developed across Carlisle and include:

- Finishing touches being made to the Carlisle Sports Strategy.
- The Council receiving £3000 from Rounders England to increase 14+ participation in rounders, specifically targeting mums, students and young people.
- Working in partnership with the Cumberland FA, the Longhorn Junior Football League and the Green Spaces Team to look at new formats of football and pitch configuration.
- In partnership with the University of Cumbria students a student volunteer conference will take place on 17<sup>th</sup> April at the University. Also in partnership, an Aquathon will take place on 27<sup>th</sup> April at the Morton pool.
- A new volunteer programme has been launched in partnership with Street Games and the Carlisle and District SPAA Foundation.

## **Carlisle Leisure Limited**

The Sands Centre ended the financial year on a high, with Jake Bugg and Simple Minds each attracting around 1800 people. The venue also hosted a regional schools gymnastics tournament.

At Bitts Park, The Junior Tennis Programme continues to develop with the local Tennis Coach introducing more Cardio Tennis sessions, 1-1 sessions and also looking to extend the programme for adults to introduce more informal tournaments with the aim of encouraging the social aspect of Tennis.

And at the Pools, the ASA National Plan for Teaching Swimming programme has continued to grow and provides swimming lessons for 521 children from non-swimmer to advanced stroke development. Provision of swimming lessons for children with additional needs including learning difficulties and diverse disabilities also continues to grow.

### **Carlisle Tourism Conference**

Carlisle's first Tourism conference took place on 26 April at the Hallmark Hotel, in conjunction with the members of the Carlisle Tourism Partnership. Key note speakers included representatives of Visit England, Cumbria Tourism, Hadrian's Wall Heritage Trust and Hydrant (E-Tourism).

### **Visiting Media**

Carlisle is continuing to attract media interest from countries such as Belgium and Germany with visits in February and April.

Carlisle was represented at the Best of Britain and Ireland Show in Birmingham recently on the British Heritage Cities stand which featured an open top vintage bus.

A new Roman England tour has been established through the British Heritage Cities consortium (BHC) to capitalise on any heightened Roman interest following the opening of the British Museum's major exhibition for 2013, one side-effect of *Life and Death Pompeii and Herculaneum*.

### **Tullie House**

#### **Apprenticeship Programme**

Tullie House Museum and Art Gallery Trust are recruiting three apprentices between the ages of 16 and 24 to be based at the museum for a year. Each of the apprentices will undertake business administration training and will work with the curatorial and marketing and business teams. These three apprentices recruited from the Carlisle area and funded through the Arts Council, have an excellent opportunity to work at Tullie House in a museum environment and gain qualifications through Carlisle College and Gen II. There has been a lot of interest in the apprenticeship roles and this is a new initiative for Tullie House.

#### **Dementia Awareness**

Tullie House Museum and Art Gallery Trust is working with partners across Cumbria to develop and deliver a heritage and cultural offer to people with dementia. With funding from the County Council, the Trust is developing dementia awareness for museum staff and volunteers. Staff at Tullie House are working with the National Museum of Liverpool, who have developed the "House of Memories" programme, aimed at creating dementia friendly museums. This project will help staff and volunteers at Tullie House understand and respond to the needs of vulnerable older people.

**Outside In: North West** is an exhibition of work by artists with disabilities. The artists are either intuitive artists or self-taught visionaries, who are keen to have their work seen and valued. The exhibition shows the high quality work of these artists living in the North West. The exhibition is a partnership project with Chichester Art Gallery and Prism Arts and is on show between 23 March and 23 June. There is a similar exhibition running in tandem in the North East at Woodhorn Colliery Museum. In addition the artists have the opportunity to talk about their work in public.

On 9 May Tullie House Trust is hosting a conference **Art of Participation**. This conference will be about exploring and using the arts to support people with disabilities and mental health issues.