

PORTFOLIO:

HEALTH & WELLBEING

Report of
Portfolio Holder:

**COUNCILLOR
R BLOXHAM**

1. MUSEUM SERVICES.

- Hilary Wade has now taken up the post of Director of Tullie House Museum and Art Gallery.
- It was announced in December 2002 that Tullie House is to become one of the Museums selected for the northwest Hub, which also includes the Manchester Art Gallery, Bolton Museum, Preston Museum and the University of Manchester Museum.
- We are currently represented at board level on the Single Regional Agency for Museums, Libraries and Archives, giving us input in the North West at Strategic level.
- The issue of storage of archaeology collection at present in Shaddon Mill needs to be resolved.
- Tullie House in partnership with other interested bodies throughout the County, have been working to bring together the dispersed information about Blue Streak and its importance to Cumbria.
- Working alongside English Heritage and Bournemouth University, Tullie House will be supervising Spadeadam technical and social oral history project.

2. EDUCATION

- The education officer was invited to give presentations in New Zealand on "On working with young people" based on a number of projects run jointly with Tullie House, and working alongside the Raffles Estate.

- Working with Sure Start South, one of the only projects in the County to receive pilot funding from Centres for Curiosity and Imagination.
- Gloriana, joint project with English Heritage, The Cathedral, Library and Records Office, to celebrate the times of Queen Elizabeth the First. This will happen over the month of May, with various events in locations city wide.
- Tullie Time Travelers has recently been formed and is a junior Friends organisation, which meets monthly.
- Outreach is an area that needs to be developed in order to reach new audiences. Reminiscence work has health potential benefits particularly for the elderly.

3. ARTS

- Our Celebrating Boxes exhibition resumes its national tour in April when it will be on show in the Harley Museum Workshop, until the 8th June, then moving to Bolton which will be the final venue, a tour that has included London's [gallory@oxo](#), Croydon Clocktower, the Collins Gallery in Glasgow and the Usher Gallery in Lincoln.
- We are optimistic of our chances of a successful application to the Rural Development Programme for the further development of Brampton Live Festival, which is already the biggest folk / roots music festival in the north of England.

4. COLLECTIONS ON LOAN

- A number of major loans are proposed nationally and internationally.
- The Tate Liverpool has asked to borrow a number of our works by Paul Nash (currently on view in Picturesque) for a major Nash retrospective exhibition in the summer.
- Rouen (Musee des Beaux Arts) has asked to borrow one of our works by Charles Ricketts for inclusion in an exhibition on Joan of Arc.
- Wolverhampton is to lend us a Turner watercolour of Carlisle for inclusion in our Carlisle artists exhibition later in the year.
- The Scottish National Portrait Gallery is to lend us an original portrait of Bonnie Prince Charlie, whilst our portrait of the Duke of Cumberland (and a blacksmiths Apprentice Piece) are on loan to a major exhibition in Kentucky: 'All the Queens Horses'.

5. MARKETING.

- On January 24th the Marketing Department won the Marketing Award for Love Labour Loss at the Cumberland News Countryside Awards. The exhibition received £32,000 of sponsorship.
- The Tullie House generic leaflet (170,000 copies) for distribution this year. Literature has gone to local tourism units for Bedroom Browsers including.
 Scottish Borders
 Carlisle and Borders
 Eden and Pennines

Dumfries and Galloway
Northumbria.

*Story Construction are sponsoring 1000 children's tickets for the borders gallery over the mid term week.

6. **ABANDONED VEHICLES**

Action continues to be taken within the available legal controls to ensure the prompt removal of abandoned vehicles. Immediate removal is outside the law, although many vehicles are removed within the 24hour notice process, recently introduced by the Government. This process cannot however, be used except where it can be shown that the vehicle has no residual value. To operate any other system than that covered by the Law could render the Council open to compensation claims.

7. **DOG FOULING ENFORCEMENT**

Since 1st April 2002, 120 fixed penalty notices have been served for dog fouling offences. In addition over 500 dog owners have been approached and given information and advice on compliance with the Council's fixed penalty scheme.

The educational role is of very great importance and many visits have been made to schools and community groups. This culminated in a very successful school poster competition with Members choosing the winning poster. This then featured on the back of local buses for the majority of the summer months.

Neighbourhood dog watch schemes have been developed and contacts sought within the community to act as neighbourhood co-

ordinators, very much on the lines of the Neighbourhood Watch Scheme. To date four schemes have been established and a further three are in the pipeline. Each scheme is backed up with promotional literature, window stickers for participating residents and street furniture stickers to warn dog owners. Feedback is, to date, very positive regarding these schemes.

8. **SHEEPMOUNT.**

Mark Beveridge has now taken up the post of the Head of Culture, Leisure and Sports Services Business Unit at Carlisle City Council.

Application submitted to the football foundation. A very positive response, and as the application is so comprehensive they may submit it to the March Board.

We have stage two approval from Sport England, their Regional architect visited early in the month and was impressed on how comprehensive the project is. At last all very positive and now on schedule, the Council should be thankful for the work of its officers and in particular Mr. D Fone and Miss H Ryan, who with others have pulled the project together over a short period of time.

The second 'Get Kids Active' is going well at Yewdale school 14 Children are taking part.

The launch of the Doorstep walks is planned for Wednesday 19th March at Morton Community Centre, please try and support this venture.

The third and final Midnight Basketball scheme of this financial year starts on 7th March at Harraby Community Centre.

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