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Dear Mr Dixon,

On the advise of Mr Steven Bowdich, Labour City Councillor, I am sending you a petition of over 800 signatures asking Carlisle City Council to consider providing a permanent ice rink to serve Carlisle and North Cumbria.

It is imperative that you understand that a vast number of people travel on a regular basis to places like Dumfries & Lockerbie. Consequently such places receive vast amounts of visitors bringing trade and income to the areas.

Considering Carlisle is an up-and-coming thriving city,

I feel it important that a facility such as an Ice-Rink could not only improve the city's image but would bring increased trade as well.

I hope you appreciate that any people in and around the Carlisle area enjoy this leisure activity, I hope this petition proves this point.

It is anticipated that you take this petition seriously and very much look forward to discussing these matters further with you when we meet

Yours Sincerely

## Ice rink tribute to Lawrie?



© FAMILY FUN: Emma and Steven Watkinson from Penrith try out the ice rink with their son William

WHILE it is good to see the temporary ice-skating rink in Carlisle city centre for the Christmas period (*The Cumberland News*, November 29) it would be even better to have a permanent ice rink in Carlisle.

My nine-year-old son Ren has recently discovered ice skating and he loves it as do many of his friends.

Every week we take him up to Dumfries to the ice rink there, and we see coach

loads of skaters - and their families - from not just the Borders but from all over Cumbria, including Penrith and Keswick.

If we had a rink, they could come here and spend their money in Carlisle. A rink would attract a wide age range for a number of activities - skating and ice dancing, as well as ice hockey and curling.

It would provide a leisure facility for teenagers (an age

group who are always looking for something to keep them out of mischief!) and somewhere for older members of the family to come and watch while enjoying a hot drink and a snack. And finally, it would make a wonderful memorial for Lawrie Eilbeck. So please Carlisle councillors, will you give it some serious thought?

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