

# Hub

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## New Brockhole jetty floats into place



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## Dogs off Phoenix Field



DOGS ARE NOT ALLOWED on or around the Phoenix Playing Field - for obvious and very good reasons. But deterring dog owners continues to prove challenging.

Despite the 'NO DOGS' signs, evidence that dogs continue to be exercised on the field is still apparent. Even if dog walkers pick up after their pooches it is doubtful that all the mess is totally removed - the only responsible solution is to obey the signs and walk dogs elsewhere.

Many children use Phoenix Field for sports and they should be able to enjoy the experience without being exposed to something that can damage their health - and will certainly upset those doing the laundry!

Dog walkers - please do not walk your dogs on the Phoenix Playing Field, the running track or other areas within the clear boundary of this important local sports facility.

## Experimental painting

THE CREATIVE REFLECTIONS Project is looking for 100 enthusiastic volunteers (of any age or ability) who would like to participate in a unique arts event.

Using experimental painting techniques, Creative Reflections will celebrate the Arts in the Windermere area through a Community Art event that will create a giant community painting along the lakeshore.

The event is on Monday 3rd October 2011 from 3pm until 5pm. For further information and details please contact Rob McGraw (015394 44061) or email [mcgraw@etherway.net](mailto:mcgraw@etherway.net)

Creative Reflections is part of the Windermere Catchment Restoration Programme, a partnership of key organisations tasked with protecting and restoring water quality and the associated ecology of Windermere and its surrounding catchment.

## LA23 BID Ballot

WINDERMERE & BOWNESS CHAMBER OF TRADE has secured funding for a ballot to see whether local businesses want to form a Business Improvement District (BID) in the LA23 area.

A successful BID ballot will generate income for additional services, decided by local businesses, to improve trading. Income will come from a mandatory levy of 1% of the rateable value of every business with a rateable value of £3,000 or more. More info at [www.wbcoft.org.uk](http://www.wbcoft.org.uk) or phone BID secretary Adrian Faulkner on 015394 48527

## Warm welcome from our New Mayor

THE TOWN COUNCIL has seen some changes as a result of the recent elections. I would like to thank those members who have served on the Council and now stood down, as well as those people who were prepared to stand for election but were unsuccessful in the elections.

The public toilets are still open in Windermere and Bowness because the Town Council, working in partnership with Bowness and Windermere Community Care Trust, has agreed in principle to take on the leases from SLDC to run the toilets as a social enterprise. This is a new model of working but we hope that the community will rally round to support the partnership. It may have some cost consequences for ratepayers as the Town Council will need to raise money in the future to help fund some of the running costs.

Town Council has also agreed to take on land to create a small number of allotments behind Orrest Drive flats. A working group has been formed to steer the work needed to fence and layout the allotments so that the plots can be a source of pride for the community and encourage further pieces of land to

Plans for the judging and presentation of awards for Windermere in Bloom are well advanced. The hanging baskets on the lamp posts on the main routes are paid for by the Town Council. We hope you feel they add to the attractiveness of the area.

Town Council continues to develop its role and deliver the Community Plan drawn up by residents. To improve communications the Council is setting up a website so that we have a dedicated site for minutes and agendas, as well as councillors' contact details.

I cannot close my first report without saying a big "thank you" to Bill Smith who has served as Mayor for three years. Bill represented the council at many events and sat on lots of working groups. He gave of his time willingly and raised the profile of the work of the council. Bill continues on the Town Council as councillor for Applethwaite & Troutbeck ward.

I was delighted to be elected as Mayor at the May meeting. I shall endeavour to do my best to serve the council and community to the best of my ability.

Joan Stocker,