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# Newsletter

## Windermere & Bowness Chamber of Trade

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### Date of Next Meeting:

Monday, 13 February  
2006,  
At 8:30am,  
Alpine Restaurant,  
Bowness-on-Windermere

## Secretary's Corner

Welcome to this the fifth issue of the Chambers Newsletter. Sorry it's a short one this time around, but not a lot seems to be happening at this quite time of the year.

The website has had new updates on:

Report on the Footway Obstructions meeting by Barry Butler: WoW Briefing invite and The Sustainable Communities Bill. Also the Local Development Frame

-work. All this and much more can be found at

[www.wbcoft.org.uk](http://www.wbcoft.org.uk)

Please do not forget to let me know if you are attending the 'Breakfast' meeting on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> February at the Alpine Restaurant in the company of Tim Farron MP. If you know of anybody who may be interested in attending

please ask them to get in touch with me.

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## Pedestrian Signage and Orientation Workshop

On Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> February 2006, the South Lakes Development Trust is hosting a *Pedestrian Signage and Orientation Workshop* at the Hydro Hotel, Bowness, at 2pm on behalf of Place Marque.

Place Marque consultants have been employed to identify ways to improve the pedestrian signage in Windermere & Bowness. They are looking at the different issues that people come across when navigating their way around both towns and will propose possible

solutions for these issues.

The workshop will last up to two hours and will cover:

- Introduction to the work of Place Marque.
- Place Marque's initial findings.
- Discussion on the different issues.
- Initial ideas for signage schemes.

The workshop is an opportunity for you to use your local knowledge to help the consultants develop a proper understanding of the issues involved. It is

important that there is a strong representation from a wide variety of residents and local organisations.

If you would like to attend the workshop **PLEASE** confirm by contacting Michaela on:

Tele No; 015394 40021

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## Footway Obstructions

Barry Butler, on behalf of the Chamber, attended a meeting hosted by the Windermere Civic Society on the issue of Footpath Obstructions and took with him the Chamber's responses.

Representatives from the Town Council, SLDC, County Council Highways, LDNPA and the Towns Centre Manager were in attendance.

Reference was made to the general visual appearance of Bowness and Windermere. Further reference was made to the Windermere Town Plan and the 25 year management plan for Windermere.

There were comments made on the plant growth from properties which obstruct the footpath and are also potential hazards for pedestrians.

From the replies from businesses to the letter sent out by the Civic Society last year there was a lot of complaints about the Royal Hotel appearance.

A full report of the meeting together with the LDNPA's Advertisement Control Policy can be found on the Chamber's website under the heading 'News.'

## New Towns Centre Manager.

The Chamber welcomes Michaela Markland into the position of Towns Centre Manager, having moved jobs from the LDNPA, to South Lakes Development Trust. Michaela will be looking after the towns of Ambleside, Grasmere, Windermere & Bowness.

Michaela is still continuing in her role on the WoW event. If you need to contact her please use her new number 015394 40021.

On the subject of WoW, there are to be 2 briefing sessions on 2 March at 3:30pm and 6pm at the Hydro Hotel in Bowness.

These sessions are for any business, society or organisation who wants to put on an event as part of the WoW programme. At the meeting Manchester International Arts will explain the WoW performance, Julie and Michaela will cover the concept for the event and how it will be marketed etc.

The attendees will then be given a pack of information with an events proposal form for them to complete and return to us. It is seen that these briefings are key to the event, as we want to use them to enthuse people and explain why getting involved will benefit them and their business or organisation.

If you would like to put on an event, the invite to the briefing can be found on the Chamber's website on the 'What's On' page for the 2<sup>nd</sup> March.

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## Events Diary

If you or your organisation, business are holding an event, however large or small and would like some extra publicity, then please consider including it on the Chambers 'What's On' page on the website.

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### **It will cost you nothing!!**

We are experiencing, on average, over 300 first time hits a month since going *live*.

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