

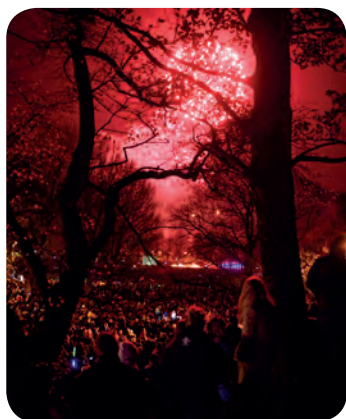
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PLUS a £200 Debenhams gift card

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Contact us at www.carlisle.gov.uk about the following:

- Report a missed bin collection
- Order a new bin or recycling container
- Request a special bulky waste collection
- Apply for assisted refuse collection
- Apply for an additional bin
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- Book a pest control visit
- View your council tax or business rates bill online.

Our website is quick, easy to use and available 24 hours a day, seven days a week.



Welcome to our new-look Carlisle Focus. It is packed full of information about your council services and features some updates on key projects. The Old Fire Station is now open and some of their upcoming events are included in this edition. The Old Town Hall is also undergoing major improvement works and will re-open this summer. A look behind the scenes is featured on page six. A round-up of 2015 events, including this August's Carlisle Pageant, are also highlighted.

Information on how to park for less in Carlisle is featured, as well as Talkin Tarn's programme of 2015 activities. This edition also gives you the chance to **WIN** a £200 Debenhams gift card by taking part in our readers' survey. I hope you enjoy reading Carlisle Focus.

Colin Glover

Leader of Carlisle City Council, Cllr Colin Glover

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old fire station

John Cooper Clarke



Find out What's On

A packed programme of events and exhibitions is underway at the Old Fire Station. The new arts and entertainment venue opened in May and a What's On Guide is available from the Carlisle Tourist Information Centre or online at oldfirestation.carlisle.city



Inspiral Carpets



McGrew's Bistro

McGrew's Bistro is based within the Old Fire Station. The cafe bar is open seven days a week, between 10am and 5pm. The bar is also open during evening events and is holding its own programme of events, featuring local acts. The menu includes breakfast, lunch and afternoon options. The design and fit-out of the cafe bar was created by Jane Sanderson, a Cumbrian interior designer and is managed by Jon Stewart (see right).



CRIME WRITING WEEKEND CARLISLE 12-14 JUNE 2015

One of the first events to be held is a literary festival worth investigating! The Carlisle Crime Writing Weekend will be held between **Friday 12 and Sunday 14 June** and will feature more than 30 authors. The tickets are a steal at only £6 per event or £60 for a weekend ticket providing entry to all 13 events. You can buy tickets direct from Carlisle's Tourist Information Centre, temporarily based on Scotch Street or by visiting crimeweekend.carlisle.city (online tickets are subject to a booking fee).

Other acts confirmed are Wild Beasts, Inspiral Carpets, John Cooper Clarke, Sunny Ormonde (The Archers), Festival of the Spoken Nerd and Roger McGough. There will also be regular performances organised by Carlisle Folk & Blues.

Wild Beasts



Sunny Ormonde



Festival of the Spoken Nerd



Keep in Touch

The Old Fire Station is **available to hire** for events, conferences, meetings, festive parties or even wedding receptions!

The main areas include: The Engine Room, the main auditorium for live music, comedy, theatre and exhibitions accommodating around 200 seated or 300 standing; the Dormitory, a first floor studio space for workshops and conferences; and the Parquet Room, a first floor studio for activities such as dance, cinema, fitness or private parties.

The remaining space includes smaller rooms which are used for offices, rehearsal, changing rooms and artists' studios.

Five rooms are **available to rent** in the Old Fire Station for tenants from the creative industries. They vary in size and the service charge includes a contribution for both the individual spaces they occupy and a % share of the communal areas.

Find out more about the Old Fire Station events programme or find out about the booking and letting opportunities at the main venue or at McGrew's Bistro, visit oldfirestation.carlisle.city

Also follow @ofsCarlisle or like Old Fire Station on Facebook for regular updates.

Old Town Hall

Changing Carlisle

A Medieval Grade I Listed Building, the Old Town Hall mostly dates from the 17th and 18th centuries. The grander public rooms at the first floor level have accommodated a number of important civic functions including, most notably the Courts of Assize until 1881, the city's Magistrates Court until 1941, and Council Chamber and offices of the City of Carlisle Corporation until 1964.

Since June 2013 more than £1million has been spent restoring and repairing the building. The recent phase of improvement works include a comprehensive upgrading of the existing Tourist Information Centre (TIC). This will include the installation of multi-media equipment and improved access from street level to the first floor. The Tourist Information Centre is temporarily based next to Wilko on Scotch Street but will reopen from the Old Town Hall in August 2015.

Upgrading the TIC

Discover Carlisle



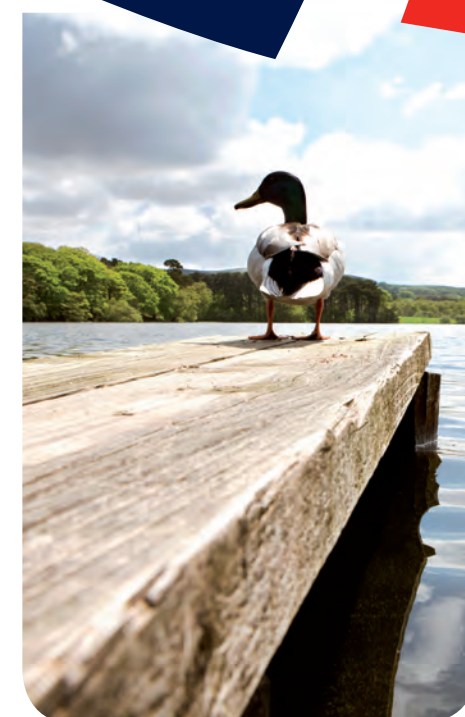
A new-look Discover Carlisle website is now live at www.discovercarlisle.co.uk

The first point of call for local events information, it also features key local attractions and accommodation providers. Follow @DiscoverCarlisle on Twitter and Discover Carlisle on Facebook to get regular updates on events and what's on in your local area.

Carlisle Cathedral

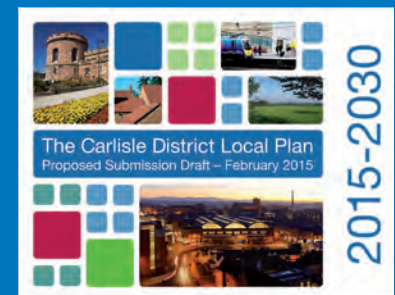


Talkin Tarn



News in Brief

The final stage of the consultation on the draft **Carlisle Local Plan 2015-2030** was held earlier this year. The document sets out a vision for how Carlisle will grow and develop and reviews our planning policies. Following a review of the consultation responses, the Plan will be submitted to the Secretary of State. An Inspector will then look at the 'soundness' of the Plan.



A series of **Listening Council events** will be held this summer. Residents will be able to speak direct to the Leader of Carlisle City Council, Cllr Colin Glover at venues around the district. Our draft Carlisle Plan sets out the priorities for the future of the city. To find out more, visit www.carlisle.gov.uk/carlisleplan

Improvements to pedestrian signage, information points and the bandstand are planned for Carlisle city centre. Ten new welcome to Carlisle signs for main roads into the city and proposals to rename five of our car parks are also proposed. Caldewgate is also set to see improvements to footways and other public spaces.



Events 2015

As part of the Pageant Puppet Parade and Funday, activities are planned within the city centre on **Saturday 22 August** from 11am. A community parade including giant puppets depicting historic characters from the Jacobite period, will parade from the Old Fire Station, Warwick Street at 2pm towards the city centre.

The ten-day Pageant programme will also include Best of Carlisle Market stalls between **Saturday 22 August and Wednesday 26 August**, followed by an international market between **Thursday 27 and Monday 31 August**. The Great Fair Proclamation will be held on **Saturday 29 August**.



Carlisle Pageant

Christmas Lights Switch On

The Christmas Lights Switch On will be held in Carlisle's city centre between 1pm and 5.30pm on **Sunday 15 November**. The afternoon's entertainment will include local talent groups and performers. The galaxy of Christmas lights will be switched on at 5pm.



Fireshow and Fireshow Fun Day



This year's Bitts Park Fireshow will be held on **Saturday 31 October** and will be a spellbound sensation. The Fireshow pre-entertainment will start at 6.30pm and the bonfire lit at 7pm. Admission is **FREE** and a charity collection will be held with all donations going towards local good causes. A Fireshow Funday will be held on the same day between 2pm and 6pm in Carlisle city centre. The family-friendly fun will include **FREE** activities, including street entertainment, face painting and much more.

Upcoming Events

Three open-air theatre events will be staged in Carlisle this summer. Talkin Tarn will play host to productions of *Pride and Prejudice* on **Wednesday 17 June** and *Treasure Island* on **Thursday 13 August**. More information is available on page 12. The Sorcerer's Apprentice will be held in Bitts Park on **Friday 17 July** at 6pm. Tickets are available from Carlisle's Tourist Information Centre.

Sir Tom Jones will perform in Carlisle this summer as part of his 2015 European and US Tour. The music legend will take to the stage on the evening of **Friday 31 July 2015** at Bitts Park. For a chance to **WIN** two tickets, visit www.discovercarlisle.co.uk

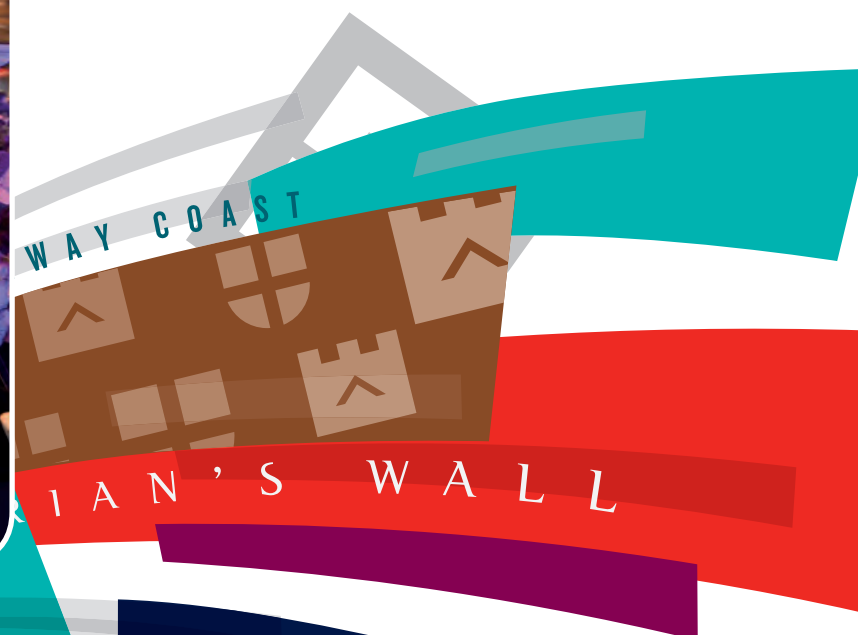


The Tour of Britain, the UK's biggest professional bicycle race, is set to return to Carlisle. Stage Three will take place on **Tuesday 8 September**, and will see the cyclists power their pedals from Cockermouth to Floors Castle, Kelso, after visiting Carlisle. Stage Five will take place on **Thursday 10 September**, when they will travel from Prudhoe to Hartside Fell, Cumbria, with the route including a trip through Brampton. Visit www.tourofbritain.co.uk



Carlisle city centre will play host to events throughout the summer including **Cumbria Pride** on Saturday 20 June, **Armed Forces Day** on Saturday 27 June and **Carlisle Music City** between Saturday 18 and Sunday 19 July.

To find out what's on in Carlisle, visit www.discovercarlisle.co.uk



Civic Centre Car Park



Parking in Carlisle

Saver Parking Permits

Do you want to park for less in Carlisle? Our new Saver Parking Permits allow you to park for as little as 59p a day and if you sign up for an annual permit, you can use it seven days a week, 365 days of the year. There are massive savings available with prices starting from only £217 a year. There are 11 car parks to choose from, all within walking distance of the main city centre.

Our new deals offer a massive reduction of up to 63% based on our 2014 permit prices and there are limited spaces available. Payment is easy, so sign up soon to benefit from cheaper parking. Visit www.carlisle.gov.uk/saver



Pay less for Parking

It costs only £1 to park for an hour in all our car parks. The cost of staying longer has also been reduced by 25% in selected car parks. To make parking even easier, you can also use your mobile phone to make the payment.

The PayByPhone scheme is quick and provides the following payment options:

- By Phone by calling **0330 400 7275**
- By Text by texting 'REG' and your number plate to **65565**. Someone will call you back to complete the registration and payment
- By Smartphone by downloading apps and mobile web at paybyphone.co.uk

Town Dyke Car Park



Sands Centre Car Park



Keep Carlisle Clean



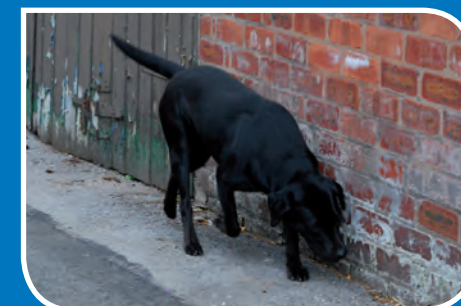
Refuse and recycling are key services and we would like to thank residents for their support. To help keep our streets clear of litter and to avoid attracting vermin, please place your refuse and recycling out by 7am on your day of your collection and no sooner than the night before. Also, please don't put any additional refuse bags next to your bin or gull-proof sack. If you have excess rubbish or recycling that won't fit into your bin or gull-proof sack, please take it to a local Household Waste Recycling Centre for disposal (Rome Street, Carlisle

or Townfoot Industrial Estate, Brampton) or take excess recycling waste to a local recycling site.

Keep your recycling dry and prevent litter by picking up a **FREE** greenbox cover from the Civic Centre. To avoid losing it, tie it to your box. If your gull-proof sack is too big, you can swap it for a smaller one **FREE** of charge at the Civic Centre. Home composting bins are now cheaper than ever! You can buy one for only £9 (excluding delivery) by visiting www.getcomposting.com or call **0844 571 4444**. Food waste digesters will be available soon too.

Your Council Services

There is a new way to **report a stray dog** in Carlisle. The service operates between 8am and 10pm, seven days a week (except Christmas Day). Please note the latest a dog will be collected is 9.30pm. If you find or have lost a dog, please contact us on **01228 817399**.



A new hygiene rating scheme for tattoo studios has been launched in Cumbria. Studios which have opted in are volunteering to have the hygiene at their studio reviewed against a number of standards and rated accordingly. All ratings for Carlisle are on www.carlisle.gov.uk

A Local Healthy Options Award scheme is up and running in Carlisle. It encourages local cafes, restaurants and takeaways to provide healthier food options. Businesses that get a score of 75% or more are awarded with a Local Healthy Options Award and those with 100% achieve a gold Award.

To find out more, visit www.carlisle.gov.uk/healthycity



Talkin Tarn

Talkin Tarn

The Country Park has been awarded a 'Bravo Badge' by TripAdvisor after more than 1,200 visitors rated it as excellent. The Brampton beauty-spot has undergone recent improvements, including footpath resurfacing and is set to stage a series of events this summer.

Talkin Woollen Woods:

Knitted nature will be taking a hold at Talkin Tarn this year to spin a yarn about its wildlife and the amazing world of wool-craft. The trees along the shore of the tarn will be hosting The Woollen Woods in Bloom - an outdoor art installation supporting The Campaign for Wool. More than 2,000 pieces of artworks will be installed in the trees until **Monday 31 August**.



Outdoor Theatre Events:

Tickets for *Pride & Prejudice* (**Wednesday 17 June**) and *Treasure Island* (**Thursday 13 August**) are on sale at the Carlisle Tourist Information Centre and are also available from www.thepantaloons.co.uk (subject to an online booking fee). Ticket prices for each event are: £10 adult, £8 child or £20 for a family ticket (2 adults and 2 children) and £8 for concessions. Both events start at 7pm.



Talkin Tarn Regatta:

Organised by Talkin Tarn Amateur Rowing Club, this year's event will be held on **Saturday 4 July**. For more information, visit www.talkintarnarc.co.uk

Brampton Brass Band:

The Brampton and District Silver Band will be performing a number of brass band concerts on the waterfront at Talkin Tarn. The free events will be held between 2pm and 4pm on **Sunday 12 July** and **Sunday 16 August**.

Paddling at Talkin Tarn



News Round-Up

Carlisle Educational Charity provides grants to help the further education of young people under the age of 25 on **1 October 2015**. To apply you must be either: Due to attend full time courses this autumn at a university or institution of further education; be a graduate doing, or wishing to do, higher studies or get professional qualifications; be a student who has to travel in this country or abroad as an essential part of your course. The deadline for applications is **Friday 25 September 2015**.

Visit www.carlisle.gov.uk/cecharity

There are a **variety of FREE Carlisle walks** you can take part in. They take place on various routes including parkland and woodland across Carlisle district. Take the first steps to a healthier lifestyle by visiting www.carlisle.gov.uk/walking

Urban Adventure is an outdoor high ropes adventure centre in Bitts Park. Visit www.urban-adventure.co.uk to book activities from 12 months to just 24 hours in advance. For bookings with less than 24 hours notice, please call **0845 519 1782**. You can also get your skates on in Bitts Park! The open-air ice rink is open seven days a week. Visit www.carlisleicerink.com

A programme of **FREE guided bike rides** is underway in Carlisle. Part of a national campaign to get more people cycling for fun, Sky Ride Local is a fantastic range of new led bike rides. Visit www.goskyride.com/Cumbria



Readers' Survey

Complete our survey for
a chance to **WIN** a £200
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1. Overall how satisfied are you with the way Carlisle City Council runs things?

- Very satisfied..... ☐ 1
Fairly satisfied..... ☐ 2
Neither satisfied nor dissatisfied..... ☐ 3
Fairly dissatisfied..... ☐ 4
Very dissatisfied..... ☐ 5

2. How often do you visit Carlisle City Centre?

- Every day..... ☐ 1
More than once a week..... ☐ 2
Once a week..... ☐ 3
More than once a month..... ☐ 4
Once a month..... ☐ 5
Once every two months..... ☐ 6
Less often..... ☐ 7
Never..... ☐ 8

3. What is your main reason for visiting Carlisle City Centre?

- Shopping (non-food)..... ☐ 1
Visiting/meeting friends or relatives..... ☐ 2
Work/business services..... ☐ 3
Food shopping..... ☐ 4
Eating out/drinking out..... ☐ 5
Leisure..... ☐ 6
Tourist visit/sightseeing..... ☐ 7
Health services..... ☐ 8
Education..... ☐ 9
Library..... ☐ 10
Other ☐ 11
If other, please specify
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4. How much do you spend on a typical trip to Carlisle City Centre?

- Less than £10..... ☐ 1
£10 - £25..... ☐ 2
£26 - £50..... ☐ 3
£51 - £75..... ☐ 4
£76 - £100..... ☐ 5
Over £100..... ☐ 6

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DISCOVER CARLISLE EVENTS 2015

Saturday 6 June **Cumberland Show** Carlisle Racecourse, 9am - 6pm

Wednesday 17 June **Pride and Prejudice open-air theatre** Talkin Tarn
Country Park

Saturday 20 June **Cumbria Pride** Carlisle City Centre, 12pm - 7pm

Friday 17 July **The Sorcerer's Apprentice open-air theatre** Bitts Park

Saturday 18 July - Sunday 19 July **Carlisle Music City**

Friday 31 July **Sir Tom Jones** Bitts Park

Thursday 13 August **Treasure Island open-air theatre** Talkin Tarn
Country Park

Saturday 22 August - Monday 31 August **Carlisle Pageant** Carlisle city centre

Tuesday 8 September & Thursday 10 September **Tour of Britain**

Saturday 31 October **Fireshow Funday** Carlisle city centre, 2pm - 6pm

Saturday 31 October **Fireshow** Bitts Park
Pre-entertainment at 6.30pm and bonfire lit at 7pm

Sunday 15 November **Christmas Lights Switch On** Carlisle city centre,
1pm - 5.30pm





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