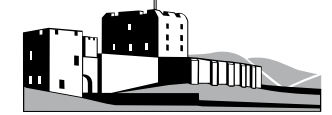


# Rural Voice

March 2011

A Rural Voice for Rural Carlisle

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## Rural Support

Julia Mullarkey has been appointed Rural Outreach Manager for Carlisle Youth Zone (CYZ). She's looking at how young people from rural areas can benefit from the new facility. Having grown up just outside a Carlisle village, she knows the difficulties youngsters face. She wants to know what young people would like to do, both in Carlisle, but also potentially on your 'patch' too.

She is already talking to youth centres across Carlisle District to find out what's on offer and whether it's convenient and is what youngsters want to do.

To find out more, call Julia on **07825 958961** or email [julia.mullarkey@carlisle-youthzone.org](mailto:julia.mullarkey@carlisle-youthzone.org)

## Did You Know?

CYZ are also recruiting volunteers aged 16+ from all areas, so whatever level of experience you may have they would like to hear from you

## Carlisle Youth Zone

A new state of the art youth facility is set to open at Victoria Place, Carlisle. Carlisle Youth Zone (CYZ) is designed to provide an affordable, safe environment for the thousands of young people living within the district. There will be a Junior Club for children aged between 8 and 12 year olds, 13+ for Senior Club and is also available to anyone up to 25 years old who has a disability.



Carlisle Youth Zone is not just for children and young people who live in urban Carlisle, it's for all our youngsters. There are a number of transport solutions being looked into to make sure that young people in rural areas can benefit from CYZ. These include:

- Working with transport providers to access information
- Meet and greet at train stations/bus station in Carlisle for first time visitors
- Volunteers travelling with vulnerable groups
- Outreach/Detached team accessing rural locations
- CYZ Minibus.

For further information about Carlisle Youth Zone, visit [www.carlisle-youthzone.org](http://www.carlisle-youthzone.org)



Welcome to our latest edition of Rural Voice.

Thanks for all your comments on our new-look newsletter and for your suggested articles.

Please continue to let us know what you'd like included within the Rural Voice, by emailing Carlisle City Council's Rural Support Officer, Zoe Sutton, at [rural@carlisle.gov.uk](mailto:rural@carlisle.gov.uk) or call her on **01228 817312**.

In our March edition, we've got a feature on Heritage skills, the next steps for broadband and local walking initiatives.

There are also our regular sections: [Money Matters](#); [Diary Dates](#) and [News in Brief](#).

# Spotlight on Old to New

## Heritage Skills

The North of England Civic Trust (NECT) is looking to link up people providing training in traditional heritage building skills with those who need the training.

It provides a network of those:

- Working in the field but seeking to up skill;
- Who have skills that they want to pass on; or
- Wishing to enter the field.

Types of activities on offer include Blacksmithing; Lime Pointing and Stone Walling. To find out about their 2011 programme, visit [www.nect.org.uk](http://www.nect.org.uk)

## Did You Know?

A Cumbria Skills Fair will be held at Carlisle Castle between 3 - 5 June. To find out more, call Sam Bramwell 01697 349212



## One Click Away

Villages are getting online with the help of the World Wide Villages project. Sea Change Learning and Development, with funding from The Nominet Trust, is helping people get online in villages around the Brampton area. The project is designed to show the great advantages of getting on the Internet and using online services. Services online can make life in rural areas so much easier.

More classes will start in March and will be followed by monthly support surgeries, designed to give more individual support.

To find out more, telephone **01228 564403** or email [seachangelearning@googlemail.com](mailto:seachangelearning@googlemail.com)

## Broadband the Next Steps

The “Broadband meets Localism” conference held on **Saturday, 15 January** at Carlisle Racecourse was very successful with 140 people attending (including staff and speakers). Carlisle Parish Councils Association (CPCA is a district association of CALC) led the event together with partners Carlisle City Council, Cumbria County Council, ACT and Cumbria CVS.

Following the conference, CPCA will work with partners to create new guidance to help communities with their Community Led Plans. One theme that came out of the conference was that all parishes will need to appoint a Broadband Champion and should include the issue of Broadband in the Community Led Plan.

All the resources provided on the day in the delegate packs, the speakers presentations from both morning and afternoon sessions and links to videos and You Tube footage from the day are available on [www.carlisle.gov.uk](http://www.carlisle.gov.uk)

## Call for Volunteers

The Friends of the Lake District & Cumbria Farmer Network is looking for volunteers county wide to take part in a project to raise awareness of the connection between farming, food and the landscape. The initiative also aims to promote the use of local produce and services. They are looking for volunteers to work with farmers to put on a wide range of events that may include themed walks, activities for the whole family, “try your hand at” events and opportunities to sample local produce. To find out more, call Penny Ozanne on **01539 720788** or email [penny.ozanne@fld.org.uk](mailto:penny.ozanne@fld.org.uk)



## Money Matters

### First Steps in Funding

A free funding support event will be held at The Old Town Hall on **Wednesday, 9 March 2011** between 2pm and 4pm.

'Experts by Experience' will provide tips, support, guidance and advice on starting out and funding projects. If you're looking to get on the funding ladder, this is one meeting you cannot afford to miss. To book a place, contact Jackie Boustead at Cumbria CVS Carlisle on **01228 512513** or email [jackiebo@cumbriacvs.org.uk](mailto:jackiebo@cumbriacvs.org.uk)

### Young Roots

The Young Roots programme aims to help local youth organisations work with young people aged between 13 and 25 years old to explore the heritage of the UK. Grants of £3,000 - £25,000 are available and applications can be made at any time.

This programme is currently under-subscribed. To find out more, telephone **020 7591 6042/44**, email [enquiries@hlf.org.uk](mailto:enquiries@hlf.org.uk) or visit [www.hlf.org.uk](http://www.hlf.org.uk)

### The National Churches Trust

Grant funding to places of worship in England for essential structural repair projects and installation of new facilities is available from The National Churches Trust.

Applications are accepted from listed and unlisted churches, chapels and meeting houses of any age as long as they are open (or planning to re-open) for public worship and where the congregation is a member or associated member of Churches Together in Britain and Ireland.

Repair grants of £10,000 and above and community grants between £5,000 and £25,000 are available. Closing date for applications is **Thursday 1 September 2011**. Visit [www.nationalchurchestrust.org](http://www.nationalchurchestrust.org)

### Everyclick

Everyclick provides a comprehensive range of online fundraising tools for charities of all sizes and opens up potentially significant additional revenue streams – Give As You Live. To find out more, visit [charities.everyclick.com](http://charities.everyclick.com)

## Going the Extra Mile

Redspearlands Footpath Group (RFG) has created new 'Walk4Life Miles' routes within its 'home' network of Dalston public footpaths.

Until the 'Miles' scheme came along, dead-end paths were effectively unused. RFG has now created 20 out and return routes. These walks are ideal for people progressing from the basic level ground to the rather more challenging countryside outing. In line with Cumbria's policy of introducing 'miles without stiles', RFG's 'Miles' routes are generally stile-free zones, making walking a mile easier. To find out more, visit [www.walk4life.info](http://www.walk4life.info)



www.sjstudios.co.uk

## Walk this Way

More than 40 Cumbrian parish and town councils and associated groups are now involved in the Parish Paths Initiative (PPI). The local path improvement projects have been achieved following support and a small grant from the Countryside Access team.

Castle Carrock, Dalston and Burgh by Sands have been involved in PPI for some time now.

The work was funded by PPI grants, as well as matched funding from Neighbourhood Forums and some contributions from parish councils.

To find out more, telephone **01228 226605** or email [andrea.bonacker@cumbriacc.gov.uk](mailto:andrea.bonacker@cumbriacc.gov.uk)

## Did You Know?

It's recommended that we all do at least 30 minutes of activity, five times per week - ideally every day. One of the best ways is walking

# News in Brief

## Brampton Area Health & Wellbeing Partnership

The Brampton Area Health & Wellbeing Partnership is looking for local people and organisations to get involved with issues around “health and wellbeing”.

To find out more, telephone **01228 512513** or **016977 45023**, email [jozib@cumbriacvs.org.uk](mailto:jozib@cumbriacvs.org.uk) or [manager@bramptoncommunitycentre.org.uk](mailto:manager@bramptoncommunitycentre.org.uk)

## Brampton and Beyond Trust

The Brampton and Beyond Trust is developing a long term business plan, including taking on the current business of Brampton Community Association and the operation of Brampton Community Centre. The Trust’s business plan extends beyond the centre and covers a wide range of activities including training into employment, ICT skills development, establishing an Arts & Performance Centre, a Community Shop, a Visitor Hostel, building efficiency improvements and energy conservation.

To find out more, call Mike Downham, Chair of Brampton & Beyond Community Trust on **016977 48331**.



## Child Poverty in Cumbria

Cumbria Rural Forum, with Cumbria County Council, is offering a one-day conference to deliver the County Council’s Child Poverty Strategy. This will be held on **Thursday 10 March 2011** at Thursby Parish Hall.

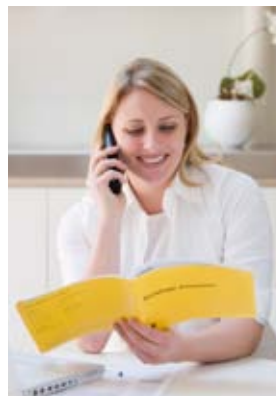
To find out more, telephone **Dani Hudson** on **01768 869511** or email [danihudson@cumbriaaction](mailto:danihudson@cumbriaaction)

## Cumbria Choice

A new website will be launched this April, [www.cumbriachoice.org.uk](http://www.cumbriachoice.org.uk) will include:

- Properties to let by Local Authority area, for the whole of Cumbria
- Private rented properties
- Low cost home ownership properties.

To find out more, telephone Denise Waller, Choice Based Lettings Project Manager on **016973 44816**



## New Localism Bill

The Localism Bill was published on **13 December 2010**. The Bill is expected to complete all its Parliamentary stages to become law in autumn 2011.

The Government’s Plain English Guide to the Bill can be found on [www.calc.org.uk](http://www.calc.org.uk)

## Quick Links

**Get Generating A Renewable Energy Guide for Rural Communities**

Download a copy of the guide ‘Get Generating A Renewable Energy Guide for Rural Communities’ <http://www.acre.org.uk/news/2011-news/news-2011-get-generating-guide>

**Great Services from Cumbria CVS**

Cumbria CVS has been awarded a grant of over £35,000 by the Rural Development Programme for England (RDPE) to provide third sector groups with three essential services:

- Payroll Service
- Independent Examination Service
- Financial Services – Book-keeping/ Accounts Management.

Telephone Diane Jackson on **01768 800350** or email [dianej@cumbriacvs.org.uk](mailto:dianej@cumbriacvs.org.uk)

## Diary Dates

**Neighbourhood Forums:**

**Brampton & District**

**Monday, 7 March – 7pm – Brampton Community Centre Café**

**Longtown & Bewcastle**

**Wednesday, 16 March - 7pm – Longtown Community Centre**

**Sustainable Wetheral Seminars:**

‘Sustainable Living’ - Monday, 14 March - 7.30pm, Wetheral Village Hall.

‘The Great Veggie Project’ - Monday, 7 March - 7.30pm, Wetheral Village Hall. Telephone **01228 561088** or email: [sustainablewetheral@gmail.com](mailto:sustainablewetheral@gmail.com)

**Free volunteers training** - ‘Dealing with Difficult Behaviour’ Friday, 8 April - Botcherby Community Centre. To book a place, telephone Monique on **01768 800350** or email [moniquer@cumbriacvs.org.uk](mailto:moniquer@cumbriacvs.org.uk)

**Carlisle Partnership AGM:**

Friday, 17 June - 9.30am at Tullie House