

Workington Gateway Project

Arts Consultation Update / March 2025

Anne Waggot Knott for Cumberland Council Capital Programme Team

All illustrations doodled by community participants during their Creative Conversations workshops



Engagement: including less-heard voices

9 groups including ~115
individuals:

- Ashfield Junior School
- Cumbria Deaf Association
- Cumbria Nature Partnership
- Helena Thomson Museum /
Workington Heritage Trust
- Moorclose Community Centre
- West House
- Workington Academy



Activities: inclusive, accessible, fun

Creative Conversations workshops:

- Workington/Playington card game
- Focused, inclusive questions
- Structured discussion
- Doodling to get us thinking creatively!



Who are Workington's
unsung heroines and
heroes, past or present?
What makes them
worth celebrating?

Tell us about someone
special in your community.
What do they do and
what makes them so great?

Tell us about Workington's
unique language and
dialect. What are your
favourite words and why?

Give an example of
the community coming
together to do something
amazing.

What do you most value
about Workington's
history or heritage?

Work
Playington



Approaches suggested:

- Focus on inclusive, community-wide themes
- Positivity and looking forward
- Encourage conversation, interaction, togetherness
- Foster pride and sense of belonging
- Respect and enhance nature
- Involve young people
- Be inclusive, interactive and multi-sensory
- Be made locally and sustainably



Popular themes suggested:

- Open spaces: parks, coast, river, views
- Industrial legacy combined with biodiversity
- A caring community
- An innovative community
- Events, celebrations and traditions
- Sport and exercise
- Value and self-worth



Next Steps

- Communicate the project
- Wider public and stakeholder consultation
- Pocket park designs
- Design and commissioning



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Minutes of the Culture & Community Committee Meeting of Workington Town Council which took place at 6.30pm on Tuesday 4th February 2025, held in Workington Town Council Offices, Town Hall, Oxford Street, Workington, CA14 2RS.

Cllr Ellie Wood (Chair)	Present	Cllr Susan Martin (Vice Chair)	Present
Cllr Beth Dixon	Absent*	Cllr Paul Larkin	Present
Cllr David Farrar	Present	Cllr Tricia Poole	Present
Cllr Sue Fryer	Absent*	Cllr Stephen Stoddart	Absent*
Cllr Allan Hodgson	Present	Cllr Joan Wright	Present

In attendance: Chief Officer/RFO.

C24.68 Absences: Notified absences prior to the meeting were received from Cllr Beth Dixon, Cllr Sue Fryer and Cllr Stephen Stoddart.

C24.69 Declarations of Interest: Cllr Poole wished for it to be noted that there were some items involving the Helena Thompson Museum on the agenda. Committee agreed that these would not require Cllr Poole to leave the room as the reports where the Museum is mentioned were for information only.

C24.70 Exclusion of Press and Public: None.

C24.71 Public Participation: None.

C24.72 Minutes of the Previous Meeting

Resolved: Committee approved the minutes from the meeting on 29th October 2024 and affirmed them a true record.

C24.73 Public Questions: None.

C24.74 Questions and Statements from Members: None.

C24.75 Motions on Notice: None.

C24.76 Budget 2024-2025

Committee noted the budget monitoring report for information.

C24.77 Workington Gateway Project: Creative Conversations

Committee noted the report for information.

C24.78 Funding/commission support

Resolved: Committee noted that support had been provided for the following, approved by the Chair and Vice Chair in between meetings:

- a) £550 funding to STAR to host a Christmas event for the local community from the youth and community budget line.
- b) £600 funding to West Cumbria Search and Rescue for general running costs to support the services they provide to the town from the youth and community work budget line.

C24.79 New funding/commission requests:

Resolved: To provide funding of £1,000 to Autism Support Allerdale and Copeland for their new sensory room from the youth and community work budget line.

Resolved: To provide funding of £1,000 to Workington Bowling Club for new sports equipment for children to partake in bowling activities from the youth and community budget line.

Resolved: To pay £2,500 to Over The Rainbow CIC for a platinum sponsors package as part of their Workington Pride event. This will come from the Cultural Celebrations budget line in the 2025-2026 budget.

Resolved: To decline the funding application from Cumbria Community Foundation.

C24.80 Youth Council Report

Committee noted the report for information.

C24.81 Events Programme 2025

Committee noted that the Hall Park Light Show held by Cumberland Council in Nov/Dec 2024 would not be repeated in Workington in 2025 and would instead take place in Egremont. The committee expressed disappointment that Workington did not appear to have any events planned by Cumberland Council in 2025.

Resolved: To write a letter to Cumberland Council formally asking why Workington is missed off their events programme and a breakdown of budget spent on other towns within the Cumberland area.

Committee noted the event programme 2025 report for information.

Resolved: To book Basil Brush as the headliner act at Party in the Park. The cost of £2,650 will be covered by the event budget set for Party in the Park in the 25-26 budget.

Resolved: To book Liberty X as the headliner act for the Christmas Festival. The cost of £7,500 plus accommodation will be covered by the event budget set for the Christmas Festival in the 25-26 budget.

Resolved: To ensure that all charities attending WTC events have at least a year's worth of accounts available on the charity commission website.

Resolved: To request that all charities attending WTC events have the correct license in place with the principal authority to carry out their fundraising activities.

Meeting ended at 8pm.

Workington Town Council Budget Monitoring Report
Culture & Community

As At
25-Mar

		Current Year 2024/25							
		Agreed Budget	Brought Forward	Budget Revisions	Virement	Total Budget	Actual YTD Spend as at 25-Mar-25	Committed Expenditure	Balance at 31-Mar-25
110	Culture & Community								
4540	Christmas Lights	65,000	0	0	0	65,000	63,014	800	1,186
4595	Youth & Community Work	7,000	0	0	0	7,000	2,066	2,000	2,934
4550	Christmas Festival	25,000	0	0	0	25,000	23,812	1,013	175
4653	Theatre by the Hall	13,500	0	0	0	13,500	13,457	0	43
4665	Science Workshops	4,000	0	0	0	4,000	3,737	0	263
4655	Festival of Running	10,000	0	0	0	10,000	8,779	823	398
4685	Reach Out	10,000	0	0	0	10,000	9,655	280	65
4680	Easter Activities	2,100	0	0	0	2,100	1,117	0	983
4625	D-Day Beacon Lighting	1,500	0	0	0	1,500	1,389	0	111
4565	Armed Forces Day Support	600	0	0	0	600	300	0	300
4652	Party in the Park	20,000	0	0	0	20,000	19,832	81	87
4654	Art Exhibition	5,000	0	0	0	5,000	0	0	5,000
4657	Schools Competition	3,000	0	0	0	3,000	1,268	0	1,732
4590	Culture Commissions	5,500	0	0	0	5,500	3,670	0	1,830
4610	Culture Commission - Carnegie	5,000	0	0	0	5,000	5,000	0	0
4690	Culture Commission - Music Centre	2,500	0	0	0	2,500	2,500	0	0
4510	Culture Commission - Sport	2,000	0	0	0	2,000	1,000	0	1,000
4520	Culture Commission - Heritage	5,000	0	0	0	5,000	0	0	5,000
4605	Culture Commission - Summer Camp	3,000	0	0	0	3,000	3,000	0	0
4580	Cultural Marketing	5,000	0	0	0	5,000	3,607	1,004	389
		194,700	0	0	0	194,700	167,203	6,001	21,497

SUMMARY - Culture and Community Budget 2025-26

Code	Ref.	Event	Confirmed Budget	Income	Committed	Invoiced	Difference
4545	C	Christmas	£90,000.00	£0.00	£80,481.40	£7,934.19	£1,584.41
4580	CM	Cultural Marketing	£6,000.00	£0.00	£5,489.00	£0.00	£511.00
4590	CF	Funding	£15,000.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£15,000.00
4595	YSI	Youth & Social Investment	£22,000.00	£0.00	£10,959.40	£35.30	£11,005.30
4650	CC	Cultural Celebrations	£44,700.00	£0.00	£13,231.54	£9,786.46	£21,682.00
4652	PitP	Party in the Park	£25,000.00	£0.00	£15,133.03	£2,834.19	£7,032.78
4655	FoR	Festival of Running	£10,000.00	£0.00	£9,902.13	£82.67	£15.20
4685	RO	Reach Out	£10,000.00	£0.00	£8,610.19	£82.67	£1,307.14
Total			£222,700.00	£0.00	£143,806.69	£20,755.48	£58,137.83



About this form

We are delighted that Workington Town Council was able to fund/contribute towards your project/event and we hope it was a success.

It is a condition that the recipient completes a form confirming that the funding has been used for the purpose requested. Therefore, please take a few moments to complete this form within six months of completing your project or event to tell us how it went and please feel free to upload any photos, we would love to see them.

If you have not yet spent the entire grant, we ask that you return this form as an interim report and then submit a final report no later than eight months after receiving the grant.

1. Organisation Name: Cumberland Council
2. Date grant was awarded: 7th March 2024
3. Amount of grant awarded: £2560
4. Purpose of grant: Contribution to Workington Art Trail
5. Please describe how your grant was used: Cumberland Council commissioned 7 visual artists to produce artworks and deliver creative workshops for Workington Art Trail. Workington Art Trail aimed at bringing footfall back to the town centre and showcasing what the area has to offer. Artwork was installed in windows of selected shops in and around Workington shopping centre, accompanied by a digital map and information to help visitors enjoy and learn about each piece as they go. Workington Town Council's contribution went to funding the micro commissions showcased in Workington Train Station. This included a young artist who also benefitted from mentoring which was paid for with WTC contribution. This project has been invaluable for the artists who have gained experience and contacts.

6. Is your project/event finished: NO

If no, please give an explanation and timeline on completion: The artwork and workshops were all completed by late November and installed into shops straight after. The trail will be taken out of shop windows on February 28th – we are currently looking for a permanent or semi-permanent location so the artwork can continue to be enjoyed.

7. What were/are the results so far of your use of the grant: I will be able to send the full evaluation in the next couple of weeks – this is being put together by the creative producer now.

8. How many members/volunteers took part in your project/event?

9 artists

50 participants

3 community partners

6 venue partners

4 venues

4 local suppliers

9. How many people benefitted from your project/activity? Until the final evaluation has been completed, we won't know for sure but considering the amount of people involved in the project, including community groups that had many many members, we think the ripple affect of the project has been huge. The venues and community groups have experienced being part of something they haven't done before and has inspired them to continue doing art projects / classes as a result. The artwork has been in prominent shop windows for nearly 3 months now with hundreds of people walking past and more visiting the website to learn about the work. We were also featured on ITV Border and BBC Radio Cumbria so reached others in this form as well. One of our community groups was the Cumbria Deaf Association who were really grateful for the chance of reflecting their world into their artwork. We used their services in creating BSL interpretation for the launch events but also videos on our website to ensure the project was accessible as possible - [Co-created community artwork in Workington Town Centre](#)

10. What difference has the funding made in the locality/community?

(Please note that we will use part/all of these quotes to promote our grants) This funding meant we didn't have to restrict ourselves on commissioning the artists we wanted to give an opportunity to. Originally, we were only going to be able to pay for 3 lead artists but with this extra funding, we could invest in the micro commissions as well. This meant another 4 local artists got to take part in the project and their work could be displayed for everyone to enjoy.

11. Please provide a breakdown as to how you spent your grant:

Item	Rate	Units	Original budget	<i>Actual</i>
Microcommission fees x 3 (see below)	£ 555.00	3	£ 1,665.00	<i>£1,665.00</i>
Emerging Microcommission fee x 1	£ 450.00	1	£ 450.00	<i>£450.00</i>
Travel budget (Artists)	£ 100.00	3	£ 300.00	<i>£600.00</i>

This came to £2715 which is over what was given but topped up using other project money.

12. What other funding (if any) was used?
(Please name the fund and the amount given)

UKSPF - £8,500
Arts Council - £15,000

13. Please provide copies of any publicity material you used, any press cuttings and other publicity achieved.

Website - [Co-created community artwork in Workington Town Centre](#)

[Local artists appointed for new Workington Art Trail | Cumberland Council](#)
[Four more artists announced for Workington Art Trail | Cumberland Council](#)
[Workington Art Trail | Cumberland Council](#)
[New artwork unveiled at Workington Art Trail | Cumberland Council](#)

[Four new artists commissioned for Workington Art Trail - cumbriacrack.com](#)
[Workington Art Trail sees community groups and artists work together | Times and Star](#)
[New collaborative artwork unveiled for Workington Art Trail | News and Star](#)

BBC Radio Cumbria Interview and ITV Border interview are no longer available online.

14. Please (where appropriate) provide photographs of your event/project (ideally in electronic format attached to this document or to the email address below).

Will be available on our website by tomorrow afternoon. I can also send individual images if needed. Please make sure Penny Watson Photography is credited.



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1. Organisation Name:
Workington Musical Festival
2. Date grant was awarded: October 2025
3. Amount of grant awarded: £300
4. Purpose of grant:
Breakdown of Costs:
£150 ON BURSERY (3X£50)
£100 MEDALS".
5. Please describe how your grant was used:
2x £50 Bursaries were awarded to :
Kate Voce winner of u12yrs vocal solo using a Backing Track
Amber Hooper winner of 12- 17yrs vocal solo using a Backing Track
1x£50 Bursary was awarded to Young Harmony Show Choir

6. Is your project/event finished: YES

7. What were/are the results so far of your use of the grant:

The Bursaries were granted to the identified individuals/group following competitive class at the 2025 Workington Musical Festival

8. How many members/volunteers took part in your project/event

There is a committee of 10 + 12 Volunteers who help at the Event

9. How many people benefitted from your project/activity?

The 3 classes saw 70 young people taking part.

10. What difference has the funding made in the locality/community?

(Please note that we will use part/all of these quotes to promote our grants)

The funding has given the opportunity for young people to gain experience and further their skills and techniques in their chosen discipline.

11. Please provide a breakdown as to how you spent your grant:

The Bursaries has enabled the recipients to take further tuition and put money toward the cost of sheet music (when acquiring on line there is still a cost)

All individual performing in the 3 identified classes + 6 Special needs performers received a Workington Town Council Medal

12. What other funding (if any) was used?

(Please name the fund and the amount given)

The overall festival received grants from Holmen - £150

AbiTECH - £50

13. Please provide copies of any publicity material you used, any press cuttings and other publicity achieved.

Workington Town Council Crest with a Thank you was displayed on the notice board in the theatre foyer Plus identification in the programme:

The Chair of Workington Town Council Culture Committee Cllr. Elle Wood attended the event and presented Medals and Bursaries. Thank you was given verbally on the night.

Please (where appropriate) provide photographs of your event/project (ideally in electronic format attached to this document or to the email address below).

Apologies as no photographs were taken on this occasion due to an oversight.



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1. Organisation Name: Christmas in Company (a Churches Together in Workington and District project)
2. Date grant was awarded:
3. Amount of grant awarded: £500
4. Purpose of grant: To help fund the annual Christmas Day event for people who would otherwise be on their own for the day.

5. Please describe how your grant was used: The grant was used towards the costs of running the event, which included venue costs, transport, gifts for guests and administration costs. (Food for the 2024 event was generously donated)
6. Is your project/event finished: YES, the 2024 event has been completed. We will be in touch in due course regarding future events.
7. What were/are the results so far of your use of the grant: Thanks to the funding received, we were able to provide guests with a full day of companionship, celebration and good food.
8. How many members/volunteers took part in your project/event? A team of around 20 volunteers was involved in organising and running the event.
9. How many people benefitted from your project/activity? Twenty-seven guests from Workington and the surrounding area attended the event. More had been due to attend but a number were unable to make it due to illness. Meals were delivered to those who were unwell at home and wanted a Christmas dinner provided.

There was also a benefit to some of the volunteers as they would also have otherwise been on their own on Christmas Day and were instead provided with companionship and the opportunity to serve others.

10. What difference has the funding made in the locality/community?
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The funding enabled us to support guests' general health and wellbeing by providing much-needed companionship, helping to tackle isolation and loneliness at a time which can be very isolating for people who are on their own, and by providing them with good nutrition from a three-course dinner and a takeaway tea.

11. Please provide a breakdown as to how you spent your grant:

The grant was used to help cover general event costs, which included venue costs, transport, gifts, administration, consumables such as napkins and crackers etc.

12. What other funding (if any) was used?
(Please name the fund and the amount given)

Food for the Christmas dinner was donated by Energus.
Further donations were received from Gospatric Lodge (£200), Dr John Sherwen's charity (£100) and Inspire Community Choir (£100), with donations of goods or vouchers from Tesco, Morrisons, Asda and Marks & Spencer.

Cumberland Council funded heat lamps for Churches Together to be used at Christmas in Company and other Churches Together events throughout the year.

13. Please provide copies of any publicity material you used, any press cuttings and other publicity achieved.

<https://cumbriacrack.com/2024/12/27/50-people-gather-for-christmas-in-company/>

14. Please (where appropriate) provide photographs of your event/project (ideally in electronic format attached to this document or to the email address below).

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GRANT CONSIDERATION FORM

Name of the lead organisation and any partner organisations:

(Provide registered company and/or charity numbers where applicable)

Workington Falcons Football Club
Affiliated via the English football association.

Have we received a full breakdown of the lead organisation's annual income and expenditure:

(this as a separate document)

YES

Have we received a copy of the last bank statement:

(this as a separate document)

YES

Does the lead organisation have a constitution and have we received a copy

YES

The club complies and abides by the football associations constitution.

Summary of the lead organisation proposal:

Workington falcons are seeking any financial contributions to assist with the ongoing development of the walker road playing area, open green spaces and change room refurbishment. The team are proactively engaged in numerous fund raising activities with the current priority on acquiring a modern ride on mower for the upkeep of the playing area and renovations to the walker road changeroom facilities in collaboration with riverside. Activities and plans are documented and updated via the monthly club committee meeting minutes.

Amount of funding the lead organisation wishes to apply for:

Any funding that could be provided would be put towards the purchase of the modern

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Have we received a full breakdown of how the funding will be spent:

mower and renovations of the walker road change rooms

The cost of the mower is £11,000.

The changeroom refurbishment is estimated at £10,000. This is only indicative as we are still to receive a structural assessment report on the changerooms from Riverside housing (The survey was carried out in the Autumn 2024).

Have they approached other funding sources? If so, please list them and the amount you have applied for.

The club engages with all local companies for sponsorship and support as well as applying for any relevant football association grants.

Has the lead organisation previously had funding from Workington Town Council? If so, when was it, how much & what was the funding spent on?

No.

Did we receive a grant feedback form?

N/A

When does the lead organisation need the funding by:

As soon as practicable.

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GRANT CONSIDERATION FORM

Name of the lead organisation and any partner organisations:

(Provide registered company and/or charity numbers where applicable)

Workington Rotary Club

Have we received a full breakdown of the lead organisation's annual income and expenditure:

(this as a separate document)

Requested

Have we received a copy of the last bank statement:

(this as a separate document)

Requested

Does the lead organisation have a constitution and have we received a copy

The Club is a signiture of the Rotary International Constitution which includes elements such as Public Service, diversity, equality act

Summary of the lead organisation proposal:

The Club assists in the packing of food parcels given out to the less well off in the Community at Christmas time. Over 400 parcels were packed last year. The Club purchases young people's dictionaries and along with the Derwent Rotary Club, provide a dictionary to all year 5 in the Workington schools. Rotary organises a "Santa's Grotto" each year, over the Christmas period, giving the chance of meeting Santa and receiving a gift. The Club also organises a Technical Tournament each year for local secondary schools. We provide stewarding for local parades etc. Workington Rotary also manages the Bowness Trust funds on behalf of the Trustees. This can provide white goods

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Amount of funding the lead organisation wishes to apply for:

Have we received a full breakdown of how the funding will be spent:

Have they approached other funding sources? If so, please list them and the amount you have applied for.

Has the lead organisation previously had funding from Workington Town Council? If so, when was it, how much & what was the funding spent on?

Did we receive a grant feedback form?

When does the lead organisation need the funding by:

for people within the Workington boundaries, who have financial difficulties. We have raised funds locally to help with Hospital care in the Ukraine and to send Fire Fighting equipment to Kenya. In the past members have also travelled abroad to these countries.

The projects for the next 12 months are listed above. Possibly £1000 will contribute towards the Club providing these.

We are looking for a grant to cover all our activities as listed above, rather than specific grants. If required we can provide specific plans/objectives as the year progresses.

Most of the Clubs funding comes from the efforts of members organising fund raising events. An example of this is the Beer Festival which raises funds and provides a popular event in the Town Occasionally some grants are available from the local Rotary District for specific fund raising for certain things, e.g. the Eradication of Polio Internationally

In the past the Town Council have contributed to the cost of Santa's grotto.

N/A

The majority of projects are carried out in the second half of the year.



CULTURE & COMMUNITY COMMITTEE	Agenda Item No. 13
Meeting date: Tuesday 1 st April 2025	
From: Chief Officer	
Title: Christmas Lights	

1. RECOMMENDATION

- Committee to discuss if they require any changes to the current Christmas lighting scheme in town.
- Committee to consider length of contract.

2. DETAIL

2025 is the last year of the current Christmas Lights contract with Gala Lights.

Does Committee wish to make any changes to the current scheme.

Offices will then put together tender documents to be advertised. For the Council to prepare the 26-27 budget, it would be beneficial to have the new contract and cost approved by Oct/Nov 2025.

Contractors usually attend a Culture meeting to present their ideas and answer any questions committee may have.

Officers would recommend perhaps a 4-5 year contract for continuity and competitive pricing.

The current scheme:

Udale Street Car Park



Pow Street



Oxford Street



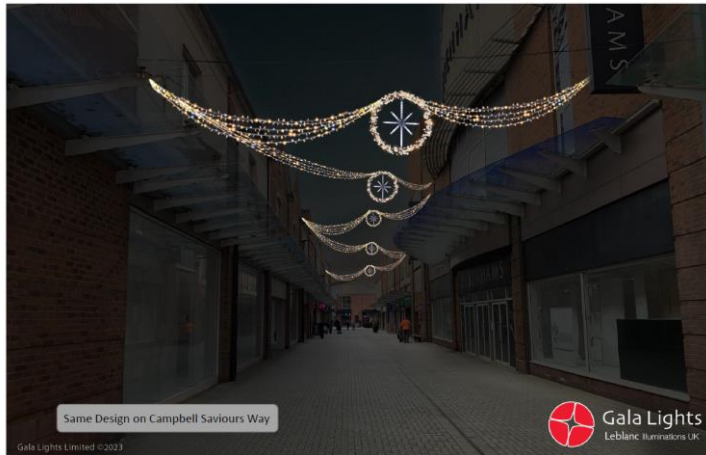
Murray Road



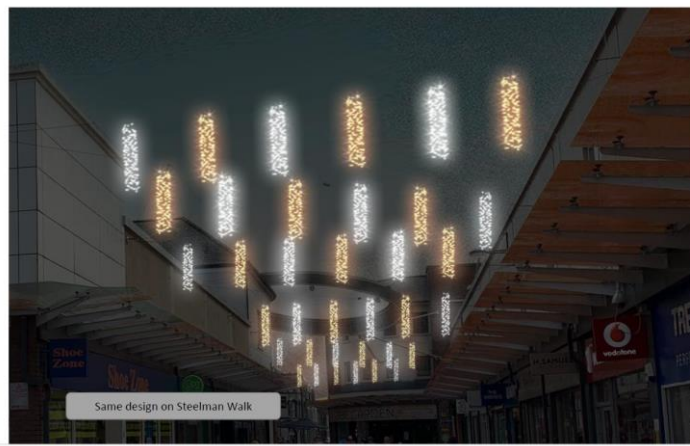
Washington Street



Risman Place and Campbell Saviours Way



Steelman Walk



Finkle Street



Town Hall



Train Station



Cumberland Hotel and the Viaduct Building were included in the scheme, but were not able to be installed due to access and electrical supply issues.

What is also included?

- 4 Christmas Tree Dressings
- 3D Feature at Oxford St Murray Road Junction (same as Pow St)
- 100m of Festoon on Oxford Street
- 120m of Icicles on Theatre
- 140m of Icicles on Pow Street
- 90m of Icicles on New Look Section
- Switch On Attendance

Coastline line



Plus canopy icicles on Bensons for Beds and The Entertainer.

Costs were approx. £53,000 across the three years. This is for the standard scheme and doesn't include additional charges – electric supply, infrastructure improvements, call out fees etc.

3. BUDGET IMPLICATION

Unknown

Cost and contract details will need to be approved by Full Council.



CULTURE & COMMUNITY COMMITTEE	Agenda Item No. 14
Meeting date: Tuesday 1 st April 2025	
From: Chief Officer	
Title: Events Programme 2025	

1. RECOMMENDATION

- Members are recommended to note the report for information.
- The report gives detail on events taking place prior/near to the next Culture meeting (20th May), where another update will be brought about future events.

2. DETAIL

Railway 200

- Committee requested Officers to look at celebrating 200 years of the railway. The train station is considering plans and will likely put a funding request to committee.

a) Easter Trail – Sunday 20th April

The hunt will run from 9am – 1pm in Vulcan Park.

Participants will need to find all the hidden letters in the park to uncover the secret word.

There will also be free face painting and an Easter themed graffiti workshop.

The Easter bunny will be there from 11.30am – 12.30pm giving out treats.

BUDGET 2025-26	£2,100.00
INCOME	£0.00
COMMITTED	£1,750.00
INVOICED (ACTUAL)	£0.00
REMAINING	£350.00

Grant for Easter Event held in Helena Thompson Museum	£325.00
Grant for Easter Event held in Harrington Youth Club	£325.00
Grant for Easter Event held in Northside Community Centre	£325.00
Sweets & Easter Eggs	£100.00
Hire of Easter Rabbit	£75.00
9am - 1pm workshop	£250.00
Gray Facepainting and Arts - Facepainting at Easter Trail	£240.00
Facebook event boost	£50.00
Contingency	£60.00

b) VE Day 80th Anniversary – Beacon Lighting – Thursday 8th May

There will be a flag raising at the Town Hall at 9am followed by the lighting of the Beacon at 9:30pm in Vulcan Park.

We will be offered free Cumberland sausage hot dog for 80 people from 9pm on the night.

Cindy Hoten and Workington Town Band have been asked to perform and The Mayor will make a speech before lighting the beacon.

BUDGET 2025-26	£1,500.00
INCOME	£0.00
COMMITTED	£1,318.74
INVOICED (ACTUAL)	£10.15
REMAINING	£171.11

Cumberland Sausage Allocation - 80 Portions	£600.00
Scaffolding	£390.00
Gas Bottle	£58.94
VE Day Flag	£44.80
Cumbria Guide Advertisement	£10.15
Vocal Performance	£225.00

c) Reach Out – Friday 30th May

The event will take place from 11am-4pm in Vulcan Park.

Officers are busy making plans for this and have a great line up of workshops already confirmed:

Meditation

Yoga

Children's yoga/meditation

Easing stress and anxiety

Sound bath

Art therapy

Plus, the following stalls have confirmed:

Shared Lives Cumberland Council

Anti Racist Cumbria

Animal Concern Cumbria

Cumbria LGBT Pride

Hospice at Home West Cumbria

Always Another Way

Autism Support Allerdale and Copeland
 Grow Well West Cumbria Community Interest Company
 Vulcan Park Bowling Club
 Workington Inner Wheel
 Cumbria Sexual Health Services
 West Cumbria RDA
 Cumbria Yoga Foundation
 Cumbria Deaf Association
 Andy's Man club
 Workington Town Community Trust
 Cumbria Cerebral Palsy
 Citizens Advice Allerdale
 INNER HYPE
 Growing Well
 Waythrough
 Social Prescribing - Cumberland Council
 Primary Care Services North Cumbria
 Victim Support
 James Street Group Practice Workington
 GLL (Greenwich Leisure Limited)
 Carers Support West Cumbria
 Workington Fire Station
 Mellissa Bus
 Sacred Space

Food and drink will be:

Monty's Ices
 West Coasta Coffee
 Backyard Pizzaiolo
 Rolling Pub Co
 Hollybank Farm
 Dosa Chaska Ltd
 WafflingOn

And, some gift stalls in keeping with the health and well-being theme.

Costs for this event that have been confirmed so far are:

Bell Tent (Empty)	£195.00
Banners x 6	£190.00
Photography	£275.00
Portaloos	£300.00
Security	£85.00
First Aid	£276.00
TV, cameras and power	£1,400.00
Bins	£774.00
6 x 12m marquee with floor (no heater)	£1,201.00
Graffiti workshops	£400.00
Meditation, easing stress and anxiety and sound bath workshops	£155.00
Art Therapy workshops	£300.00

Climbing Wall & Trampolines	£1,000.00
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Other costs are still to be confirmed once more workshops are booked and confirmed. All costs are within the £10,000 budget set.

d) **BUDGET IMPLICATIONS**

As per budget allocation set in 25-26 budget.



CULTURE & COMMUNITY COMMITTEE	Agenda Item No. 15
Meeting date: Tuesday 1 st April 2025	
From: Chief Officer	
Title: Anchor Organisation Partnerships	

1. RECOMMENDATION

- The Chair would like committee to discuss which organisations they would like to consider funding.
- Committee has a funding budget line, as well as a youth and social investment budget line that could help organisations carry out vital work within the town.

2. DETAIL

Committee are to discuss which anchor organisations they feel benefit the people of Workington that committee would like to partner with on initiatives in 25-26.

Suggestions to start would be:

- Anti-Racist Cumbria
- Freedom Project (Domestic Violence Support)
- Always Another Way (Improving Mental Health and Well-Being)
- Every Life Matters (Suicide Safer Cumbria)
- LGBTQ+
- New parents / retiree's liaison groups

Citizen's Advice are already considered in the budget for funding.

Officers attended the Cumberland Council Health and Well-Being event at West Lakes Science Park and listened to some very interesting talks, including one

from Colin Cox, Director of Public Health and Communities for Cumberland Council.

He discussed that Cumbria is number 2 in the country for death by suicide, with over 5 people dying by suicide each month. The worst area in Cumbria is Workington.

Committee are therefore urged to put plans in place to help the people of our town.

3. BUDGET IMPLICATION

Unknown