

Update

WINTER 2005



What is the Barrow Community Trust?

Barrow Community Trust is the Borough's own special charity. We provide a focus for businesses, individuals, families and public agencies which want to support local community activities.

The Trust was launched in 2001 to help people in need living in the Borough. Since our launch we have distributed almost £400,000 to 78 voluntary groups and organisations.

To celebrate our achievements Barrow Community Trust will be holding a special Celebration Evening hosted by the Mayor of Barrow-in-Furness on Friday 2nd December at the Town Hall.

The celebration Evening will bring together donors, members and groups supported.

Sarah Gardner, Fund Development Officer for the Trust explains,

"What better way to let people know of our work than to hold a special Celebration Evening. Over 120 Guests are attending what promises to be both an informative and entertaining evening."

The Celebration Evening is being supported by Furness Building Society.

The success of the Trust is down to many factors: the dedication of our Committee members, our knowledge of the needs of the Borough and the valued support of individuals, local businesses and public agencies.

A BALL WAS HAD BY ALL!

Our second Charity Ball was a fantastic success, raising much needed funds. The black tie event, held at Abbey House Hotel on 5th March was well attended and feverish bidding at the auction resulted in bidders walking away with Centrepark holidays, English Lakes Hotel weekend breaks and many more generously donated prizes.

Date for your diary – third charity ball - Saturday 18th March 2006, at Abbey House Hotel. To reserve your table give Sarah Gardner a call on 824466.



Furness Building Society Chief Executive Rob Cairns waltzes off with Sarah Gardner and Steve Murray, Chair of Barrow Community Trust in support for the Trust's Charity Ball.

A WINNING COMBINATION!

In July we were pleased to announce the opening of an Affinity account with Furness Building Society.

We hope that people will be encouraged to open a Community Trust Affinity Account. Not only will account holders receive an attractive interest rate on their savings but at the same time they will be helping support local voluntary groups within the Borough.

Each year the Furness Building Society will make a cash payment to the Trust equal to 1% gross interest on the average total balance held in the Trust's Affinity Account. The more Barrow Community Trust affinity accounts that are opened, the bigger the Furness Building Society annual donation will be!



(Photo: Dalton Junior Cricket Team help launch the Trust's Affinity Account with Rob Cairns and Judith Wren from Furness Building Society and Steve Murray, Chair of the Trust. The Junior Cricket team received a grant of £506.99 from the Trust to help hold a cricket workshop)

THANK YOU!

The Trust would like to thank the following companies for their continued support through the Fund Builder Programme and Corporate Membership: Centrica Energy, County Coachbuilders Automotive Ltd, Furness Building Society, Hydrocarbon Resources Ltd, Kimberly-Clark Ltd, Stoller's Furniture World.

ON YER BIKE!

Our Chairman Steve Murray successfully completed the Walney to Wear cycle route this summer raising £250 for the Trust.



(Photo: Steve Murray, Chair of the Trust after completing the Walney to Wear sponsored cycle)

LEAVE SOMETHING LOCAL

Following the success of 2004's campaign, the Mayor of Barrow-in-Furness launched Leave Something Local 2005 on 17th October. The campaign is being supported by Poole Townsend Solicitors, who are providing a reduced price Will writing service for six weeks commencing on 7th November. Leaving something local is something we can all do by leaving a donation to a local charity in our Will. For further details contact Kelly Hill on 402252 at Poole Townsend Solicitors.



Corporate membership presentation to County Coachbuilders Automotive Ltd. Photo from left to right; Sarah Gardner, Chairman Steve Murray, Dean and Emma Fawcett of County Coachbuilders Automotive Ltd and Vice-Chair Tim Melville.

MUSIC NIGHT

Dean & Emma Fawcett organised a triumphant charity music night on 7th October at Abbey House Hotel where £1,000 was raised for the Trust. The atmosphere was electric! People were up dancing until the early hours to the orchestra and singers from Deemon Productions. A huge thank you goes to Emma and Dean for their continued support of the Trust.

GRANTS STORIES

Below are a few examples of groups funded by the Trust

Dyslexia Association (Barrow) **- £7,000**

The touch-type read and spell programme is now able to continue after a £7,000 grant from the Barrow Community Trust. Ms Dawn Elsworth, the manager of the Dyslexia Association in Barrow, said "We offer support, information and training to dyslexics of all ages and those who work with them."

Askam and Ireleth Dreamscheme **- £12,000**

"Now, thanks to funding from Barrow Community Trust, we will be able to add a further two sessions a week," said team leader Natalia Wealleans. The sessions attract young people from Askam, Ireleth, Dalton and Barrow and helps them to get involved in community projects.

Barrow Ju Jitsu Club - £1,000



Barrow's Ju Jitsu Club is soon to get new changing rooms at their new premises.

"A problem was that we needed changing facilities upstairs", said club coach Philip Newton.

"At the moment all we have is a carpet on the floor. But thanks to a £1,000 grant from Barrow Community Trust we can now set about establishing a proper changing and locker room providing a safe and clean environment where members can get changed."

Furness Youth Theatre - £6,000

The Furness Youth Theatre saw problems ahead as they prepared to join with the junior A590 youth group to present the musical Peter Pan.

But thanks to a grant from the Barrow Community Trust, planning is now underway, with rehearsals at the Pennington Memorial Hall, for the show that will be performed in the last week of April 2006. Furness Youth Theatre chairman Mrs Elizabeth Loveless said, "We are very grateful for the grant which will meet the anticipated shortfall between production costs and income."



In addition to those listed on the previous page, below are details of all grants made by the Trust in the last 12 month period

Abbotsvale Community Centre	£ 500.00
Askam Mini Rugby League	£ 7,000.00
BAE Sports Systems Bowling Club	£ 1,000.00
BAE Sports Systems Cricket Club	£ 4,000.00
Barrow Community Regeneration Company	£ 4,090.00
Barrow & District Table Tennis Centre Ltd	£ 300.00
Befriending Scheme	£ 6,000.00
Canteen Film Project	£ 2,000.00
Cumbria Alcohol & Drug Advisory Service (CADAS)	£ 3,750.00
Dalton Community Association	£ 9,864.00
Dalton Cricket Club Junior Section	£ 506.99
Emmanuel Community Church	£ 2,800.00
Epilepsy Action South Cumbria Branch	£ 400.00
Festival Orchestra	£ 990.76
Furness Carers' Association	£ 7,500.00
Haven Community Centre	£ 1,000.00
Rampside Village Hall	£ 904.75
Roose Community Parent/Carer Toddler Group	£ 1,849.87
St Matthew's Community Hall	£ 2,830.00
Walney Community Trust	£ 7,000.00
Walney Detachment – Corps of Drums ACF	£ 1,000.00
Youth Theatre Seniors	£ 5,000.00

WAYS OF GIVING

If you would like to make a donation to support our work please make a cheque payable to Barrow Community Trust. Businesses can support our work through Corporate Membership, companies with less than fifty staff pay £125 annually and those with more than fifty pay £300. Individuals can become members for £20 per annum. Members receive regular updates about our work and invitations to special events.

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