

Windermere & Bowness Chamber of Trade

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Another year as acting Chairman. The Chamber cannot continue in this manner as there is a need for change in order that the Chamber may develop and grow.

The Chamber needs new blood and for the members to get more involved.

Over the past year we have been involved in WOW which was a success in June even though it was arranged in a short period. The various groups got together and the small group worked hard to bring people together in order for the event to be a success.

Hopefully WOW will go from strength to strength.

The winner of the first annual WOW under 18's yacht race was Gavin Tullet.

We have had in put into the Windermere and Bowness Master Plan, the traffic scheme for A591, the Orrest Head Park, the proposal for Crescent Road, new signage for Windermere and Bowness.

We also spoke at the Parish Meeting at our opposition to bollards in Crescent Road.

We have been in communications with the Highways Authority over the A591 and although at the Neighbourhood Forum meeting they said there would be further consultation none has been forthcoming.

The Winter Lights and parade with Father Christmas on 18th November was a great success, thanks to the hard work of various members of that committee.

I would like to thank those involved for their hard work in illuminating Windermere and Bowness with the lights along the roofs, etc. It is only the start and I hope that the Chamber continues to support to those involved and that Penny Seed continues as our representative. Also to thank David Howarth and Eve Blatchley for the work they had put in over the years.

I would like to thank Adrian Faulkner as Secretary and Treasurer to the Chamber for his excellent work over the year producing the agenda, minutes etc and also for the Chambers Website. Also, Bill Johnson, for acting as the Chambers representative on the South Lakeland Development Trust.

The Chamber with the support of its members will continue to support and take an active role in the various consultations such as

South Lakeland Development Trust
Windermere on Water (WOW)
Windermere and Bowness Master Plan
LANPA Local Development Framework
Winter Lights
Traffic Management

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