

# Let's make more of our castle

Two ways to make more of the castle are being developed side by side in the next few months. Friends of the Castle have been working with the Egremont and Area Regeneration Partnership and Grizedale Arts to make the castle a more central part of the town's life. With funding from West Lakes Renaissance, Arts Council England and the European Regional Development Fund, the castle will be more visible and better used as part of the plans.

Designs as part of a Royal Institute of British Architects competition for a performance space were exhibited last Friday and Saturday and will be shown again this Friday, at the Farmers and Crafts Market and comments from the public will help the jury to choose the best three. The architects in the competition have been asked to design an exciting structure for a temporary theatre space, that can be easily erected and removed to allow music, theatre and many other events to take place, without being effected by the weather. There will be another chance to comment on the three shortlisted designs when they have another level of detail in a month's time.

At the same time, a lighting test has been carried out for the long awaited castle illumination project. For many years Egremont Castle has been crying out for a higher profile, and following the schools competition last spring, designs are now ready to bring our finest asset to life on the night skyline.



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