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Egremont Gateway Scheme Autumn works in progress

Commences September 2007

Work begins on the Egremont Gateway Scheme at the beginning of September 2007. The scheme is being implemented by the Egremont Regeneration Partnership and Copeland Council as part of their work to improve the town and its approaches encouraging shoppers and visitors to the town.

The appointed contractors, Hellens Landscapes of Tyne and Wear, will erect signs at the Northern and Southern ends of the gateway approaches to display public contact details and information on the project. Hellens can be contacted throughout the works on 0191 526 3619.

The contractors, working with the Highways Agency, aim to keep any disruption caused to the public and local business to a minimum during the period of work.

The projects senior contracts manager, Joe Zazzetta said: "We are looking forward to working on this high profile landscape project which will make a great difference to the local community in Egremont as well as visitors to the area."

The clearance is due to start early September and hopefully be completed by Christmas 2007. Works include tree and shrub planting, wall construction and some areas of landscaping including the green space between South Street and the castle. Starting on the hard landscaping parts of the project the contractors will go on to the soft landscaping and planting in the autumn. Improvements include Egremont's approaches on the A595, a pocket park near the Castle, and a community orchard.

The trees being planted round the edges of the junctions, and along the sides of the A595 are fruit trees, including cherry and apple trees creating a boulevard effect.

The cemetery lay-by and land round the St Thomas' Cross roundabout will also be planted with a row of apple trees.

The St. Thomas Cross and Northern roundabouts benefit from new walling and the middle roundabout is to be tidied up.

Below the Castle on South Street, a terraced pocket park with fruit trees will tie in with plans for a resource centre currently being developed under another scheme.

Ann-Marie Cowperthwaite, WLR project manager, recently said: "WLR are delighted to be funding this public realm project for Copeland Borough Council which will have a major effect on visitors' perception of Egremont, encourage future investment, and provide an enhanced environment for residents."

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Editors Notes:

Gateway scheme

The project is being funded by West Lakes Renaissance and the European Regional Development Fund



West Lakes Renaissance is the Urban Regeneration Company for Furness and West Cumbria. The company is a public-private partnership that was formed in 2002 with the aim of stimulating the economic regeneration of the main urban centres along the west coast of Cumbria. The boundary of operation extends from Barrow to Silloth. The company operates from offices in Barrow and Westlakes Science and Technology Park (near Whitehaven).

West Lakes Renaissance has a Board of 13 non-executive directors and is chaired by Bob Watson, formerly Managing Director, Iggesund Paperboard and Managing Director (Europe) Fujifilm Sericol. The partners behind the company include the Northwest Development Agency, English Partnerships, the Government Office for the North West, the Borough Councils of Allerdale, Barrow and Copeland, together with the County Council, and local business leaders.

The company has put together a 10 year £200+ million investment programme. The company's mission is:

“Renewing the economy of Furness and West Cumbria through the co-coordinated delivery of infrastructure, new skills and sustainable communities.”

Further details of the main projects and proposals being promoted by WLR can be found on the following website: www.westlakesrenaissance.co.uk



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