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Egremont Gateway Scheme works in progress update

The Pocket Park on South Street Egremont

Work on the Pocket Park, South Street, Egremont will commence shortly as part of the larger Egremont Gateway Scheme which began at the beginning of September 2007.

An area below the Castle is being developed as a pocket park, with terracing and fruit trees in keeping with the rest of the planting schemes. The Pocket Park, the green space between South Street and the castle, is due for landscaping work to replace the old overgrown trees with better quality, smaller and manageable crab apple trees.

Once completed the Pocket Park will provide an interesting space for walkers to enjoy and allow reveal again views of the castle ruins from the South Street town approach.

Work on the park 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, 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. Hellens can be contacted throughout the works on 0191 526 3619.

Editors Notes:

Gateway scheme

The entrances to Egremont on the A595 are to be transformed, thanks to a new £500,000 Gateway scheme, which will also include a pocket park near the Castle, and a community orchard.

The project, which is being funded by West Lakes Renaissance and the European Regional Development Fund, and implemented by the Egremont Regeneration Partnership with Copeland Borough Council



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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