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College Opening Ceremony

Solway Community Technology College Opening Ceremony

November 26th 2004 was a momentous occasion for Solway Community Technology College when our new Technology status was recognised through an opening ceremony in the college. To commemorate this auspicious occasion, Tony Cunningham MP presented Mr Yearsley (Headmaster) with an engraved brass plaque in a special assembly where many members of our local community joined us. After the ceremony refreshments were served and guests were given a tour of the college.

The new status has enabled the improvement of facilities available our students; with the refurbishment of the Science Labs, the creation of two new Maths Rooms, the building of a new ICT suite, the furnishing of a Textile Technology Room and the purchasing of Interactive White Boards for the majority of classrooms. The Design Technology department has expanded, allowing for the additional subjects of Textile Technology and Graphics to be incorporated into the curriculum and we are able to work in close partnership with Primary Schools to share our facilities.

As a Community Technology College further developments to fulfil the educational needs of our local community are already being explored and planned.

Solway Community Technology College is certainly a college equipped and ready for the future and can offer the best educational opportunities for all our students.



Mark Yearsley and Tony Cunningham with the commemorative plaque



Head pupils Adam Johnson and Sarah Walker



A few of the new computers being put to good use

FLOOD APPEAL

Cumbria flood recovery fund appeal receives support from HRH the Prince of Wales

Cumbria Community Foundation has launched an appeal to raise funds to support individuals and communities affected by the devastating floods.

Staff at the Foundation received notification from Clarence House to say that "The Prince of Wales has given a donation to the Cumbria Flood Recovery Fund Appeal. His thoughts and prayers are with all those affected and the emergency services and others who are working tirelessly". The Prince's donation was the first of many that have arrived at the Foundation. They are hopeful the pledges to the fund will reach the target of £500,000.

The Fund has been inundated with donations and some of the major ones are:

Rural Regeneration Cumbria	£25,000
Carrs Milling Industries	£10,000
United Utilities	£10,000
HSBC Bank	£ 5,000
Brooks Mileson	£25,000
Kingmoor Park Charitable Trust	£50,000
Nestle	£10,000

"We are absolutely delighted with the response to the launch of the Fund" said Andrew Beeforth Director of the Foundation. "The response from local companies and development agencies has been tremendous. But we are also starting to receive money from the general public as well.

Staff and volunteers at the Cumbria Community Foundation are working flat out getting information about the appeal out to people all over Cumbria.

The fund will focus on providing money for individuals and families experiencing financial hardship as a result of the floods, but the appeal will also be raising money for voluntary and community organisations that are spear-heading the relief work. Anyone who would like to donate to the fund should send cheques made payable to Cumbria Community Foundation at Unit 6b, Lakeland Business Park, Cockermouth, Cumbria CA13 0QT or pay donations directly into any branch of HSBC or Lloyds TSB. If you would like further information about the fund please call our dedicated telephone line Tel: 01900 820822.

"People throughout Cumbria and beyond cannot fail to be affected by the pictures of the devastation in Carlisle and elsewhere. We are keen to respond swiftly to support people affected by the floods" said Andrew Beeforth.

It is hoped that there will be sufficient funding to offer ongoing support to organisations like Citizens Advice Bureaux, Carlisle Community Law Centre and others who will be there to help people pick up the pieces.

In 2001 the Foundation launched the hugely successful Cumbria Community Recovery Fund to assist people and communities affected by the Foot and Mouth outbreak. The charity was awarded Fundraising Campaign of the Year in the UK Charity Awards in 2002.

"Cumbria Community Foundation has the necessary experience to organise the appeal work and to ensure that funding gets to the community groups and individuals who really need the support. I am delighted to endorse this appeal" said James Cropper Lord Lieutenant of Cumbria and President of Cumbria Community Foundation.

Spar Closes for Major Refurbishment

After almost 25 years of trading in the old cinema building, the adjoining property has been acquired by Silloth Spar.

In conjunction with the Spar organisation Stan and Judith Foster are extending and

refurbishing their Supermarket to the highest possible standards.

Stan said that because of the extensive amount of work involved he had reluctantly found it necessary to close completely for a number

of weeks. The Silloth store is already the leading independently-owned Spar outlet in Cumbria and both Stan and Judith are confident their new-look supermarket will offer a bigger and better range of goods at competitive

prices.

Stan said "we would like to take this opportunity to apologise sincerely for the inconvenience to all our valued customers and assure them that Silloth Spar will be back as soon as possible".