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## Jack Thurlow, 99 Not Out



Story & picture by Lawrence Marshall

Jack, seated in the centre, with friends in the Good Companions garden

Jack Thurlow of Esk Street celebrated his 99th birthday on Monday 25th July. Monday being luncheon-club day Jack was entertained on the Community Bus with his friend's singing "happy birthday" on their way to lunch at the Good Companions. The Good Companions who kindly provide the lunches during the school holidays also had a sing-song for Jack.

Friends and neighbours visited Jack's home in Esk Street throughout the day, including a visit from Alan Byrom, vicar of Christ Church.

Jack, who is a keen cricket fan said that having reached 99 not out he is going to get his first century.

## NAP £1,000,000 Funding cont'd

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• An existing Development & Training Centre in Wigton - The Family Centre

This funding forms part of the overall £1 million that NWRDA earmarked to each of the Market Towns Initiatives. A preliminary expenditure grant of just under £70,000 was approved in the summer of 2004 to allow for two pieces of feasibility work and a master planning exercise to commence. These included:

- Solway Tourism Partnership Branding Study
- The Gathering Place Feasibility Study, and
- Wigton Townscape Regeneration Masterplan

NWRDA has also invested over £100,000 to support the costs of a dedicated Project Manager and Project Administrator, and funding to purchase a building to secure the future of one of the key projects.

Gerald Sewell, Chairman of the NAP said, "This is very satisfying outcome to all our negotiations with NWRDA over the past year or so. It sends out a clear message and

gives the green light to everyone involved in the various initiatives across North Allerdale. Their projects can now go ahead. One has to remember, of course, that this overall approval is only the first step in a long process that will involve a lot of hard work. Each project and scheme, whether in Aspatria, Wigton, Silloth, or hinterland, will need to submit further bids and performance plans for approval, in order to draw down the cash for each phase of development.

Along with many people I am delighted at this result. This outcome has been the result of co-operation and hard work on the part of many people from the three towns and surrounding area in North Allerdale - their effort has now borne fruit. NWRDA has helped us considerably in formulating this bid and throughout the process we have been helped and supported by Allerdale Council's Regeneration Team'.

The scheme of projects submitted will focus on addressing

economic, employment and training needs of Aspatria, Silloth and Wigton and their surrounding parishes and for members of the Partnership, this latest funding success has been the result of a considerable amount of effort and time invested by the people involved.

Victoria Nixon, the NAP Project Manager said, 'NWRDA's commitment to the area through the Partnership acknowledges the economic needs of this community and will allow the Partnership to continue its work to attract funding for further projects. This is a very positive reflection of all the efforts put in by the many volunteers'.



Tam by  
Connor  
from  
Silloth Primary School

## Swim for 10p

Allerdale children won't need to splash out to swim this summer.

Allerdale Borough Council is offering 10p entry to children at the council-owned pools in Workington and Cockermouth.

Wigton Pool will also be running the 10p swim sessions for the whole of August.

Netherhall Pool will be closed for refurbishment but will reopen in September.

Keswick Leisure Pool will not be participating in the scheme during the summer. The 10p entry offer will run until Sunday 4th September at Workington and Cockermouth, and until Wednesday 31st August at Wigton. Children under the age of 16 can swim for just 10p during public sessions at the three pools.

For opening times and other details, please contact the pools.

Normal pool rules will apply and entry may be denied if the maximum bather numbers are reached.

The pool numbers are: Workington 01900 61771, Wigton 016973 42412, and Cockermouth 01900 823596.

## Fraudster Caught

Allerdale Borough Council has successfully prosecuted a man for falsely claiming housing and council tax benefits.

Stephen Campbell, 33, formerly of Welton, Carlisle, was fined £125 and £75 costs by Carlisle Magistrates after he failed to notify Allerdale Borough Council of a change in circumstances in relation to a benefits claim.

His application was granted in May 2004 and the benefits continued to be paid until the Council received notification on 3 September 2004 from the Department for Work and Pensions that Mr Campbell had commenced paid employment on 21 June 2004.

Mr Campbell received overpayment of benefits of £479.79.

A payment agreement to recover the money has been made between Mr Campbell and Allerdale Borough Council.

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