

Sharing ideas with Hannah for city centre revamp

BY PAMELA MCGOWAN

THE ARTIST appointed to transform Carlisle's Historic Quarter has been given a helping hand by city residents.

Hannah Stewart, of Armathwaite, has been commissioned to design nine stone benches as part of the £840,000 revamp of the Castle Street area.

She will base her work on the line of Hadrian's Wall, the River Eden and railway.

To inspire her designs and give local people a chance to influence them, she held two public workshops in the city centre on Saturday.

The morning session was held at Carlisle Railway Station, followed by an afternoon event at Tullie House.

For those who didn't make it, there is still time to get involved.

And Carlisle residents are invited to send postcards with their anecdotes, experiences and sketches to Hannah Stewart, Westwalls Studios, Carlisle Enterprise Centre, James Street, Carlisle, CA2 5BB.

Completed benches will be installed by October, adding the finishing touch to the new pedestrian-friendly scheme.



Project: Hannah Stewart, left, with the Shand family from Stanwix, from left, Mike, twins Isabel and Joseph and Joanne

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Bid to replace flood bridge

Planning application for new footbridge

BY JENNY BARWISE

PLANS have been lodged to replace a Workington footbridge which was destroyed in last year's floods.

Navvies footbridge, which spans the River Derwent linking the two sides of the town, collapsed after being battered by raging flood waters in November.

The remains of the bridge, which is a popular route for people living in Northside and Seaton to get into the town centre, were cleared away last month to make way for its replacement.

Now, nine months after its collapse, Cumbria County Council has submitted a planning application to construct a new bridge in its place over the River Derwent to carry pedestrians and cyclists.

The bridge is expected to cost £1.3 million to construct and be open by next February. No details have been revealed from



Demolished: Navvies Bridge has been cleared away

the council as to what the bridge will look like – the application only seeks permission for the work to be carried out.

Earlier this year public consultations were held for people to say how they want the town's new bridges to look and these comments have helped shape

the final design for the bridge.

Workington was split in two when the floods washed away Navvies footbridge and destroyed the Northside and Calva road bridges.

Around 200 soldiers from the army worked around the clock days after the disaster hit the town to build a temporary footbridge – Barker Crossing – in a record 10 days.

In May a temporary road-bridge opened across the River Derwent.

A permanent replacement for Northside Bridge road is expected to be up and running by May 2012.

Meanwhile, work is ongoing to repair the damaged Calva bridge which was battered in the floods. It is expected to reopen later this year.

The plans for Navvies footbridge can be inspected at Allerdale House, Workington until September 12.

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Take up a challenge on course

A FREE family fun day will take place at the Swifts Golf Course in Carlisle on Bank Holiday on Sunday.

Golf challenges and competitions will run throughout the day, which is on from 10am to 3pm.

These include the longest drive, nearest the pin plus a Wii golf challenge. There will be a presentation to winners later in the day.

Stephen Ling, PGA Golf Professional, will be on hand throughout the day for tips and advice and will be running free coaching sessions between 11am and noon and 1pm and 2pm.

There will be the opportunity for aspiring lady golfers to sign up for free coaching sessions.

Kelly Donnelly, marketing manager for Carlisle Leisure Limited said: "We're hoping to welcome as many new aspiring golfers to come down to the course and see for themselves what a great sport it really is. Regardless of ability we have something for everyone."

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