

## Photographic & Art Competition

As most of you may know, the Solway Coast Discovery Centre opened its doors to the public on 21 August.

After 3 years in the pipeline and a lot of hard work, this wonderful building has been restored with many of the original features of the St. Pauls School still in existence, including the original windows and beams.

Housing a modern café, hand-crafted gift shop, a film show, and the exhibition itself, which highlights the Solway Coast from Ice Age to present day, the centre is a must see!

To mark the opening, we are running a Photographic and Art Competition. No skill required! Just either a camera or an A3 sketch pad.

With two age groups, adults and children up to 16 years, there are three categories;

**Nature and Wildlife**

**The Solway Coast**

**Buildings in and around Silloth**

The winning entry in each category will have their work of art mounted, framed and exhibited at the centre for all to see.

All art work on A3 paper please.

Winning photographs will be enlarged prior to display.

Cost of entry will be £1.50 for each category entered, payable on submission.

Closing date is Sunday 8th December 2002

Judging Sunday 15th December 2002

For any enquiries or for further information contact Deborah Penhale at the Discovery Centre, or telephone 016973 33055.

## Charity Wins Awards



Cumbria Community Foundation won the prestigious Fund-raising Campaign of the Year and its Director, Andrew Beeforth was highly commended in the Charity Director of the Year at the UK Charity Awards in London on 5<sup>th</sup> September 2002.

The Fund-raising Campaign of the Year nomination is for the work undertaken by the Foundation to establish the Cumbria Community Recovery Fund which raised over £2.1m to help people and communities affected by the Foot and Mouth Disease outbreak. The Foundation was short-listed alongside two large national charities, The Guide Dogs for the Blind Association and Royal National Institute for the Deaf. Judges' Comments: "An excellent fundraising campaign based on sound operating principles, with an intelligent use of volunteers and efficient distribution of the funds to the right people. It was carried out under extreme pressure but succeeded because it was so well-organised and properly structured."

The Charity Director of the Year Award is in recognition of the rapid growth and development of the Foundation as a major grant making organisation. Judges' Comments: "Helped touch a wide range of organisations with grantmaking activities during a very difficult period for the region in the Foot & Mouth crisis, and has been an excellent ambassador for the group throughout."

Our success also highlights the very high regard so many individuals have for the people and communities in Cumbria. We very much hope that this recognition will lead more people to consider supporting our communities by becoming involved with the Foundation.

The Chairman of the Trustees, John Fryer-Spedding after the Award Ceremony said; "The Award to the Foundation reflects the immense generosity of so many Trusts, companies, groups and individuals who supported the Fund, as well as the skilled and hard work of our staff and so many volunteers. Andy missed the winning place in his category by the narrowest of margins. His contribution to the voluntary sector in the County during the past difficult year has been immense. It is clear that the Judges recognised this."

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