



What has the Forum achieved?

The Forum has assisted and influenced a number of changes affecting the lake. The main areas of consultation when Forum members have been actively involved have included:

- Redrafting of the Windermere Strategy
- Redrafting and submission of the Navigation Bye Laws
- Rainwater, sewage and flooding risk management in Bowness Bay
- Review of fees and charges by SLDC for moorings and jetties
- Replacement of Hazard / Navigation buoys/rock markers throughout the lake-completion 2012.
- Boat Registration Event Scheme. 90% reduced fees for boat Rallies.
- 'Waterbird' Exemption Supported in consultation on Navigation Byelaws 2012.

Future Issues

1. **Ferry Nab Development Plans-work in progress**
2. **WLUF Open Days: Windermere Jetties Consultation- more Public Jetties currently No 1 on the WLUF wish list**

Purpose of the Forum

The Windermere Lake User Forum was established 5 years ago in 2007.

The Forum is an independent group that advises and gives guidance to the Lake District National Park Authority and South Lakeland District Council in implementing the Windermere Management Strategy and acts as a consultative forum to accurately and objectively gather the views of lake use on topics affecting the lake.

Membership & Representation

The 11 voluntary representatives cover the wide range of lake usage

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| 1 Transport providers | 1 Commercial Operators |
| 2 Sailing | 1 Outdoor Pursuit Centres |
| 2 Powered Craft | 1 Swimming & Diving |
| 1 Angling | 1 Canoes & Rowing |
| 1 General Users | |

Many lake users are involved in more than one type of activity.

Members of the Forum meet twice a year in September and March. Speakers are invited to these meetings which are open to the public. Forum members also meet in private three times a year to discuss the issues around the lake to improve understanding between the various user groups. Members meet with as many of the various users they represent throughout the year and attend other meetings as requested by the partners or users. The Forum is represented on the Windermere Lake Strategy Group along with representatives from Parish Councils, District Council, National Park and South Lakes District Council

TOPICS FOR DISCUSSION AND CONSULTATION IN 2012/13

- IMPROVED COMMUNICATION WITH LAKE USERS
- ACCESS – MORE PUBLIC JETTIES
- MORE INTEGRATED MANAGEMENT OF THE LAKE
- WATER QUALITY & SUSTAINABLE WATER LEVELS
- VALUE FOR MONEY & REINVESTMENT IN FACILITIES
- PROPOSED DEVELOPMENTS AT FERRY NAB & THE GLEBE
- GREATER UTILISATION TO SUPPORT ECONOMIC GROWTH.

If you would like to contact a member of the forum or gain more information about the work of the Forum please visit the web site at: www.wluf.info

We will be carrying out a survey to gather the views of lake users in Autumn 2012. Please look at our website for further details.

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Windermere Management Strategy

- Originally prepared in 2005
- Reviewed between April 2010 & 2011
- Revised and republished June 2011

Topics

- Prosperous Economy
- World Class Visitor Experience
- Vibrant Communities
- Spectacular Landscape

Some of the related strategies and policies that effect lake users

- Tourism Strategy for Cumbria
- Windermere Waterfront Programme
- Lakeshore Development
- Delivering sustainable Tourism
- Navigation Bye Laws
- Registration Bye Laws
- Windermere Catchment Restoration Programme
- Lake District Sustainable Transport Framework

The Windermere Lake User Forum is just one part of the wider “network of groups who assist the key partners of the Lake District National Park Authority and the South Lakeland District Council to deliver the Windermere Management Strategy.

Quote from the LDNPA in the Windermere Strategy document

“With its world renowned landscape, the National Park is for everyone to enjoy, now and in the future.

It wants a prosperous economy, world class visitor experiences and vibrant communities to sustain the spectacular landscape.

Everyone involved in running England largest and much loved National Park is committed to:

- Respecting the past
- Caring for the present
- Planning for the future”

Copies of the strategy can be found on the LDNPA website at

www.lakedistrict.gov.uk