

Lancashire & Cumbria

Branch Newsletter, December 2021

Netwalking and Gin Tasting



Our return to face to face events got off to an energetic (if damp) start with Netwalking and Gin Tasting at the Lakes Distillery near Keswick.

Members and guests donned their waterproofs for a stroll around the local area, followed by an excellent two course meal and cocktail at the on-site restaurant. We then enjoyed a tour of the distillery and tasting session.

The event was sponsored by **Napthens LLP** who said *"We see and recognise the contribution Women in Property makes to the opportunities and knowledge sharing across the property and construction industry. Driving equality throughout the legal profession is a passion of ours, and merit-based performance and expertise are the only factors upon which we seek to recruit, retain and develop our talent, so encouraging a close working relationship with groups such as Women in Property makes perfect sense to us."*

We plan to make this an annual event, so watch this space for details in Summer 2022.



Christmas Wreath Making

Our Christmas event this year was a Wreath Making workshop sponsored by **Jones Melling Chartered Surveyors**. Held at The Herborium in Lancaster, we gathered to create festive wreaths, with tuition from Kendal-based Willowpool Designs. With a delicious coconut daal and mulled wine to sustain us halfway through, the results were fabulous.



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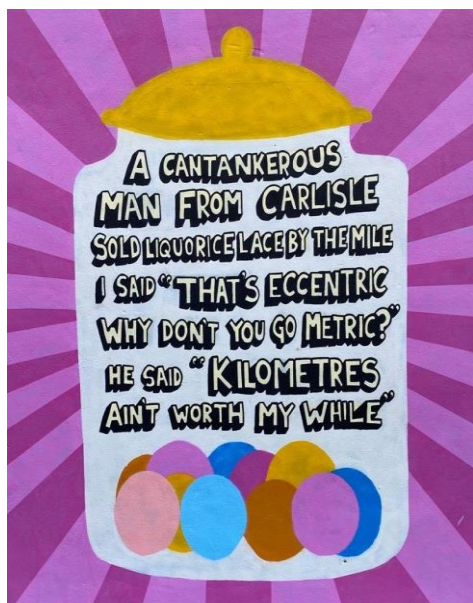
- **Breakfast Seminar Series – Part 1**
26th January 2022
- **Central Scotland Annual Dinner**
4th March 2022
- **International Women's Day**
8th March 2022
- **Street Art Tour of Carlisle**
13th May 2022
- **Netwalking Summer Social**
24 June 2022

Why join?

Membership offers exclusive access to our network of professional women all over the UK. Members also benefit from a reduced attendance fee at events, as well as special member only events. Our cross-discipline mentoring programme is designed to support women at all stages in their careers and is invaluable; either as a mentor, mentee or both.

We are a satellite branch to Yorkshire and North East. To join, visit our website and click "join" and "how to join" for a link to the Yorkshire and North East membership form.

Discovering Carlisle's amazing street art



Residents of Carlisle will have noticed vibrant and engaging pieces of artwork appearing on the city's buildings in recent years. On a sunny October morning we gathered for a tour of the street art which has been commissioned by not for profit organisation, [Blank Wall Assassins](#).

Following a bacon butty and cup of coffee, Ben Heslop gave us a tour of some of the artwork. He explained the background to the project and how they have brought world renowned street art to Carlisle, the concept behind the pieces and their plans for the future. A further tour is planned for 2022.

International Women's Day 2021



Still under covid restrictions, International Womens Day on 8th March had to take place over Zoom. The theme for this year was "Challenge the Norm". In keeping with this, our speakers all hailed from companies bringing innovative and exciting new ideas to the area. We were thrilled to host;

- Emma Critchley from the Eden Project who spoke about the plans for Eden Project North in Morecambe;
- Andrew Stanyon from Ellet Eco Holiday Village who talked about their scheme in Lancaster and what they hope it will bring to the area, and finally;
- Maddie Nicholson from Barrow based Art Gene, who spoke about the exciting art installations they are creating across the region.

Penningtons Coffee and Ginger Bakers of Kendal mailed out coffee and tray bakes to all our virtual attendees to sustain them during the session. All profit from the event with additional sponsorship from Wardell Armstrong Consultancy, totalling £1,000, was donated to Lancashire Women, a charity providing invaluable support for women in the county through assistance with mental health and wellbeing or financial issues, domestic abuse, homelessness and developing lifeskills.

Member Spotlight



Katherine Sibley is a specialist construction lawyer with over 20 years' experience advising clients on both contentious and non-contentious construction issues. She acts for a wide range of clients for large engineering businesses to family firms and individuals.

Katherine decided to join Women in Property as she is passionate about supporting other women in both the property and construction sectors, which are historically male-dominated industries. She is particularly keen to support and mentor young women who are joining the sector.

Branch News

Lucie Barnes of Brodies LLP has won the Property Litigation Association's "Alan Langleben Memorial Award Memorial Blog Competition"



Catherine Cross has joined Brodies LLP from Baines Wilson, specialising in Commercial Property Litigation

Jayne Garbutt has been made Technical Director Placemaking & Design at Capita Real Estate & Infrastructure



Zoe Hooton, Director at HPA Chartered Architects has been appointed to the Board of Lancaster University's Architecture School. HPA were also finalists in the Built Environment Award at the Red Rose Awards

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If you're interested in attending an event, becoming a member, joining the branch committee or being a sponsor, we'd love to hear from you! Pop an email to our branch chair luce.barnes@brodies.com