


Lancashire & Cumbria Branch Newsletter

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The Year in focus

Our first full year following Covid has been really busy. We haven't enough space to profile all of our events - which included another tour of Carlisle's fantastic Street Art and a Tea Break Networking event - but below is just a flavour of what we have been up to in 2022.

Netwalking in Coniston



We held a summer Netwalking event on Friday 1st July 2022. Around 25 participants (many with their four legged friends) set off from the Wilson's Arms and walked three miles across Torver Common looping down to the shores of Coniston Water and back to the pub for lunch. The walk was guided by three professional guides and during the walk we witnessed heavy treefall caused by storms in Cumbria in November 2020.

The walk was an excellent, relaxed opportunity for networking whilst enjoying the beautiful Cumbrian scenery.

Cocktail Masterclass - Preston

On 29th September we gathered at the 1842 Bar in Preston for a Cocktail Masterclass – what a fun night! Magnificently organised by Lucie Barnes, the event was sponsored by AG Project and Building Consultancy and attended by thirty keen "Tom Cruise" cocktail apprentices from around the region.

"Orange Sour" was thrust into our hands before we could get our coats off and we learnt how to make our favourite two cocktails under the expert tuition of the wonderful people who work at 1842. It was a great night for meeting new people in a beautiful building (which looked slightly fuzzy by the end of the night).



Events

- **CPD accredited: Changes to EPC Rules – commercial landlords and tenants -2**
2nd February – virtual
- **CPD accredited: R&D tax relief in Design & Build space**
8th February – virtual
- **Yorkshire & NE AGM and social**
27th February, Leeds
- **Central Scotland Annual Dinner**
3rd March 2023. Edinburgh

We aim to offer a wide variety of events to appeal to all aspects of our membership. If you have any suggestions for future events please let us know.

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 mentoring programme is designed to support women in their chosen area of practice and can be invaluable; either as a mentor, mentee or both.

We are a satellite Branch to Yorkshire and North East. To join, [visit our website](#) and apply to the Yorkshire and North East Branch.

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Christmas Wreath Making – Carlisle

Our Christmas event this year was a Wreath Making workshop, kindly sponsored by Fisher German. Held at The Tithe Barn in Carlisle, we gathered to create festive wreaths, with tuition from Carlisle based interiors company Rockit Homes. Plenty of fun, drinks and fabulous food from The Good Sister, was had. The results were impressive and award winning, with Zoe Hooton entering (and winning) her village Wreath Making Competition with her creation!



Our new Branch Chair – Jayne Garbutt



2022 saw our founding branch Chair Lucie Barnes step back, and the election of our new Chair, Jayne Garbutt.

We wish to thank Lucie for all her hard work and tremendous efforts over the last four years, which has seen the branch grow and become a full satellite branch in 2022. Lucie remains an active committee member and invaluable part of the team.

Jayne joined Women in Property in 2018 and helped set up the Lancashire & Cumbria satellite branch along with Lucie Barnes, Chloe Brownlee-Chapman and Zoe Hooton. She is Technical Director for Placemaking with WSP in the UK, based in Carlisle, Cumbria and manages a national team who deliver public realm design projects around the UK.

As a Chartered Landscape Architect, Jayne is passionate about creating environments for communities, which promote and enable improved health and well-being, environmental sustainability and attractive places in a quality setting.

As our current Chair, Jayne is keen to expand our membership and bring interesting hot topics to our series of breakfast seminars, complemented by engaging, fun and active events which showcase some wonderful venues in the Lancashire and Cumbria region.

Branch News



Lucie Barnes has been made Partner at Brodies LLP



Sophi Al-Tikriti has joined Burnetts LLP from Baines Wilson as Senior Associate



Catherine Cross has been promoted to Senior Solicitor at Brodies LLP

Wardell Armstrong have won the Marsh Community Project of the Year Award for their archaeological dig at Carlisle Cricket Club



Jane Fillis has joined Harrison Drury from Butterworths as Senior Property Lawyer



Katherine Sibley has joined Brabners as Legal Director in the Construction Team

HPA Chartered Architects has set up Woohoo Heritage & Sustainability Consultancy, a specialist sister company to HPA.



Who's who?

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