



HIGH SHERIFF HOSTS ONLINE AUCTION AND PRIZE DRAW TO HELP SUPPORT COMMUNITIES

Julie Barton, the High Sheriff of Cumbria, is hoping to raise over £5,000 to support charitable organisations across the county by holding a charitable auction and prize draw online. The auction and prize draw will launch [here](#) on Sunday 15th November at 10am and will run until Sunday 6th December at 9pm. The auction lots up for grabs range from a luxury two night spa break for two people at the Low Wood Bay Resort and Spa with dinner in the Blue Smoke Restaurant, a five night rental of a Swift motorhome, to memorabilia such as a Liverpool shirt signed by the Premiership winning team, a signed Barrow AFC ball in the year the Bluebirds returned to the football league, and a signed England shirt, to unique experiences such as a ride in a 1923 Bentley, fly fishing for spring salmon, a cruise in a retro skippered boat, a half hour online conversation with Rory Stewart, or a nature walk with top selling author Isabel Hardman.

The money raised during the online auction will go to the High Sheriff's General Fund which is administered by Cumbria Community Foundation. Grants are made from the fund to help improve the lives of disadvantaged people across Cumbria; to improve life skills, education, employability and enterprise for disadvantaged people, support vulnerable older people, improve the health and wellbeing of people and strengthen and support fragile communities.

Cumbria Community Foundation was launched in 1999 and has given out more than £44 million in grant aid. The Foundation is dedicated to meeting community need, supporting community and voluntary organisations in Cumbria with funds we manage on behalf of our supporters

Julie Barton, the High Sheriff of Cumbria said: "There are many worthy organisations in Cumbria that hold communities together. The grants that Cumbria Community Foundation provide are vital in helping local people and helping our communities to thrive. I am delighted to be able to hold this online auction and prize draw in support of Cumbria Community Foundation by raising funds for the High Sheriff's General Fund administered by the Foundation. I am also very grateful indeed to all the local businesses and individuals who have stepped forward with such excellent lots for both the auction and prize draw. Their generosity has been outstanding."

There are 19 auction lots and 6 raffle prizes on offer: from a money can't buy lot for a tour behind the scenes and visit the bridge of MV Swift for four, a VIP trip for two to Cartmel Racecourse on Concert Day including lunch, a selection of artwork perfect for Christmas, to champagne afternoon tea poured by the High Sheriff herself, there are lots and prizes for everyone. The full list of lots and prizes is [here](#) from Sunday 15th November where you can also place your bids or enter prize draws. Money raised will go to supporting local communities in Cumbria.

Andy Beeforth, CEO of Cumbria Community Foundation said: "It has been a very unusual year for the High Sheriff of Cumbria with the presence of COVID-19, but this hasn't stopped Julie from assisting and promoting the work of Cumbria Community Foundation and local charities, and helping to raise the profile of the valuable work we do. We are grateful for her continued support and for the amazing range of auction and raffle prizes that have been so generously donated."

For more information visit <https://givergy.uk/HighSheriffofCumbriaCharityAuction/>

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