

10 things you might not know about

CUMBRIA



If food is your passion, Cumbria has a strong reputation for food and drink, as home to many well-known brands as well as four Michelin-Star restaurants; L'Enclume, The Samling, The Forest Side and Gilpin Hotel.



Cumbria has more microbreweries than any other county in Britain ... and in such an idyllic setting you find plenty of reasons for the occasional celebratory pint!



How many festivals do you think take place every year in Cumbria? Take a guess... If you said 100, you would be right! The festivals themselves are wide ranging, diverse and cater for all interests and tastes from The Lakes International Comic Art Festival, Kendal Mountain Festival to Kendal Calling, and many more.



Retail shopping in Cumbria offers you something different, combining your favorite high street emporiums with independence and artisan store's offering a range of fair trade and locally produced products for you to discover. High Street Retail shopping hot spots are Carlisle, Barrow-in-Furness and Kendal, and unique stores are found across the region.



Cumbria is fast becoming the adventure capital of the UK. From walking to windsurfing, cycling to climbing and mountain biking to marathons, there is something for everyone.



Cumbria is set to receive £25 billion worth of investment over the next decade, creating around 56,000 jobs in the next five years in a wide variety of industry sectors (Choose Cumbria – Careers)



Cumbria is the largest National Park in England and has recently been declared a World Heritage Site.



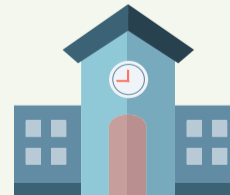
There is a wide variety of housing on the market for all budgets and household sizes -your dream home in Cumbria may be more achievable than you think! (Choose Cumbria – Find a Perfect Property)



Thanks to its low crime rate and friendly communities, Cumbria is a fantastic place to raise a family, grow an inspiring career and pursue a wide variety of passions.



If you are in the market for a knighthood head for Piel Island, just off the coast of Barrow in Furness, and speak to the Landlord of the Ship Inn aka the King of Piel Island who will make you a Knight of Piel if you buy a round of drinks!! (Source: Information Britain)



Cumbria is ranked 53rd in the UK for primary education by Ofsted, with 88 per cent of primary pupils attending a "good" or "outstanding" school. Secondary schools in Cumbria outperform the average for the North with 68 per cent of students attending a "good" or "outstanding" school.

References:

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