

CROSTHWAITE & LYTH WI ANNUAL REPORT NOVEMBER 2017

The President, Jean Sherratt, has continued to preside over the Crosthwaite & Lyth WI with enthusiasm and verve. Supported by her active committee she has encouraged members to join in the many and varied activities.

Thanks to an excellent Programme Secretary we have had many activities including speakers talking about farming, genealogy, first aid and education. There have been fascinating trips to the theatre and a local farm, plus an outstanding cookery demonstration by one of our own members.

The Westmorland Show as usual showcased our members' many talents. Through their hard work and co-operation, their produce, flower arrangements, art and craft work and baking achieved a total of thirty-six gold stars and forty-four silvers. The show requires a great deal of time and commitment but clearly our success was a marvellous reward.

Locally, we have supported several events including the village strawberry tea, Damson Day and the Christmas fair.

We were particularly proud of our response to the CFWWI President's Challenge. We raised a significant amount of money through our members' generous donation of time and effort. This sum was raised through selling cakes, wreaths, bulbs, floral accessories and gifts at the Christmas Fair along with a member offering sailing experiences.

One particular visit which stands out in a crowded year is the trip to Bingley WI. Members travelled to Bingley and enjoyed a presentation about flooding in the area after Storm Desmond, a walk around the renowned High Rise Locks and craftwork. The hospitality of the WI was wonderful.

As can be seen in this report Crosthwaite & Lyth WI continues to thrive and to engage women in our village so that we can share friendship and fun.