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Fell Foot Active Base Officially Opened by World Sailing Champion Steve Goacher

The new Fell Foot Active Base, joint funded by Sport England, was officially opened by world sailing champion Steve Goacher on 21st June. The local community, volunteers, members of sports clubs at Fell Foot and many others who have been involved in creating the new base attended. The base will make it possible for seasoned pros and newbies alike to try out water sports and outdoor activities whilst enjoying comfortable, accessible facilities.

Goacher learnt to sail at Fell Foot as a child and went on to become a four-time world sailing champion. Speaking at the launch he said, "Fell Foot is home to many special childhood memories for me and it set me off on my sailing career. It's an ideal and safe place for new people to come along and give water sports a go".





An Active Pass gives visitors access to the changing and shower facilities from £1 a day. Visitors can choose from a daily, weekly, seasonal or annual pass and add on extras such as use of jetties and slipways. The Fell Foot Active Base is for everyone. You can row on the lake, go for a swim, or run along lakeshore paths, safe in the knowledge there's a hot shower and a brew waiting for you. The new facilities will also continue to provide a home for South Windermere Sailing Club, which has been based at Fell Foot since 1961, and Windermere Rowing Club, which joined the site in 2014.

Fell Foot Youth Rangers

We launched our brand new monthly Youth Ranger Programme in April, for local young people between the ages of 12 and 17 to get involved with hands-on practical conservation work at Fell Foot. So far they have been helping to create a grass snake hibernacula, a willow sculpture trail in the meadow for families and have built a fence to protect our rare wood pasture habitat.





One of the young people, Georgia Foulerton, 12, said "I love Youth Rangers as it's a great way to get involved with nature and the National trust, as well as making friends along the way. I can't wait to enjoy more sessions throughout the year".

This is a great opportunity for young people to gain experience with the National Trust for their future careers, university/college applications or to work towards their Duke of Edinburgh Award. Sessions are once a month on a Sunday, from 10am until 3pm. If you are interested in applying for the Youth Ranger Programme please get in touch with Kelley Sproston-Heath kelley.sprostonheath@nationaltrust.org.uk .

We are also looking for volunteers who are over 18 to support the Rangers as Assistant Leaders in a voluntary capacity. If you are interested in finding out more please contact Kelley.

And don't miss…

- **Fell Foot Summer of Sport** – throughout August on Wednesdays and Fridays fun sports equipment will be available such as soft archery, tennis, and rounders.
- **All England Stone Skimming Championships** at Fell Foot on Saturday 18th August.

Check out our events pages on the website for more info https://www.nationaltrust.org.uk/fell-foot

We look forward to seeing you over the summer.

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