

Sporting heroes awarded

The Annandale and Eskdale Sports and Leisure Trust's annual awards, in Ecclefechan's Cressfield Hotel, saw five top accolades handed out but there was no team prize this year. Leisure trust chairman Ernie Turpie revealed that it had been a tough decision for judges to choose between the nominees put forward by the public for the categories. He said: "The standard and number of nominations indicate that the quality of sport in Annandale and Eskdale is extremely high and we congratulated all those involved for their commitment and wished them well in their future endeavours."



The Sports Personality of the Year, sponsored by Anderson's Joinery, was awarded to Margaret Lupton from Annan who represented Great Britain in the World Para-Equestrian Championships in Germany, winning the cone driving section. Joint runners-up were Lockerbie's Alex Dunbar and Michael Scott for their achievements in rugby. Alex played for Scotland in the under-18s' Six Nations tournament and Michael became a member of Scotland's under-19 training squad.

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