

BLANE VALLEY BULLETIN

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Draft Transport Plan Consultation

Stirling Council are currently consulting on a draft transport plan which covers the Strathblane and Blane field area. The Towns, Villages and Rural Transport Plan seeks to set out the issues, and those actions required to address these issues, to help provide Stirling's Councillors with the information they need to inform their difficult decisions on resource allocation. The Council would also like to make sure the document helps support bids / projects led by the community. The consultation seeks to understand:

- What are the transport and access issues affecting the rural areas?
- What measures could help address these issues?
- How should the Council prioritise whatever funding becomes available?

Community, rather than individual views are sought, so it would be appreciated if you could forward comments to the Community Council at cc@strathblanefield.org.uk by August 22nd to enable a Strathblane and Blane field view to be formed. Links to the consultation materials (i.e. draft plan and questionnaire) are available on the village website at strathblanefield.org.uk.

Successful Heart Start Class

Marian Lever writes: On Wednesday 12 June at 7.30pm in the school hall a group of 13 volunteers took part in our first Heart Start class. It was run for us by Stuart Ballantyne, the Scottish Ambulance Service's Community defibrillator support officer and two Heart Start instructors. It was a very varied evening, a mixture of short lectures, practical activities and watching excerpts from a new British Heart Foundation DVD. The latter outlined new best practice for some common emergencies such as choking. By the end of the evening we had practiced putting people into the prone position and all successfully resuscitated Annie. Feeling very proud of ourselves we then left for home clutching our new certificates, all except two brave volunteers who stayed behind to find out more about becoming a First Responder. The Community Council will organise another evening in the Autumn so that more residents will feel more confident about using the community defibrillator once it is installed in the village. **Watch this space.**

We are pleased to acknowledge the generosity of a village resident in sponsoring this issue of the Bulletin.

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INFORMATION SOURCES

Strathblanefield website at

www.strathblanefield.org.uk

Library; Noticeboards; Shops;
Local weekly press; and the
Facebook Strathblanefield Group

Current & past issues of the Bulletin can be downloaded from the village website

STIRLING COUNCIL

Councillors' Surgeries are usually at 7pm on SCC meeting nights in the Primary School

Report faults at

info@stirling.gov.uk

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The Community Council in June

The **SCC AGM** took place on the 10th June, the annual report and accounts are on the strathblanefield website. As the CC elections take place in November no change was made to the office bearers.

At our **June meeting**, following the AGM, we had **speakers from the Co-op and Stirling Council transport team**. The Co-op is delighted with the response to their store opening and is now in a position to iron out any issues arising from the new store. They will consider bike racks and dog tether points. Importantly they will have a look at parking along with Stirling Council. The **local transport plan** is covered elsewhere in this edition.

We noted that the environment and housing committee had deferred making decisions on the former printworks site until a special meeting to be held in the village. (see right for details)

Work on the A81 between Kirkhouse Road and the Blane Valley Inn will begin on **22nd July through to the middle of August**. There will be **traffic lights and a road closure**. Stirling Council will be in touch directly with those residents who will have difficulty accessing their homes. If the Tennis club, Bowling club, Village club and Edmonstone Hall have activities/matches they will need to be aware of the travel disruption.

We have been successful in sorting out the **ownership of the concrete pavement** at the bottom of Old Mugdock Road. The council have accepted it is their's and have now made repairs to the surface.

Several residents are keeping us well informed of any difficulties with the **Scottish Water hydro works**. So far Scottish Water has responded promptly when we have raised issues on your behalf.

We had a great discussion about our **dog fouling campaign** and have agreed to apply for funding for posters and banners. Pupils from the school have done some posters and we chose a winner that will be reproduced. Pupils are also writing a short piece for the next issue of the BVB and we will choose the best for publication. Both winners will receive a £10 book token.

SCC August Meeting

July is a holiday month and the next meeting of the Community Council will be on Monday August 5th at 7.30pm in the Kirk Rooms. Please come along and have your say.

Give us your views or alert us to issues:

Email the Community Council at cc@strathblanefield.org.uk ; contact one of your Community Councillors directly (phone numbers on Page 1); come along to Community Council meetings (or to any of the periodic consultation events we organise); or stand for the Community Council yourself—the **next round of elections is in October and it is important that we continue to fill all the places — it would be great to have a real election!**

There will be a **Special Meeting of Stirling Council Environment & Housing Committee** on the issue of the former Blanefield Printworks site on **Tuesday June 25th at 6.30pm** in the Edmonstone Hall. It is open to the public to observe and interested members of the community are encouraged to attend.

Consultation on Path Proposals

The consultation process on our current path proposals—the proposed upgrade of the railway path and the Audit of our village path network (with Stirling Council)—which began with SCDT stalls at the Summer fair and the Big Lunch, followed by a Drop-In Session in the Village Club has so far proved very successful, both in the numbers participating and in the positive nature of people's comments. For those still wishing to look at the proposals and give comments (on the forms provided or by email to cc@strathblanefield.org.uk) the materials will remain on display in the Library workroom for the next two weeks. We are looking for volunteers for our third path improvement proposal - the Library/play-park path at the Park Place Bridge - on June 29th and 30th. (See Page 3 for details)

Administrator Needed

Strathblanefield Community Development Trust is looking for a volunteer Administrator to collate files and take minutes of monthly evening meetings and AGM. The position would suit someone with an interest in the community and who is computer literate. The Board would welcome applications from younger members of the community wishing to gain experience and training in administrative work .

The SCDT is involved in a range of projects of benefit to the villages including the play-park, paths' improvement, publications, and youth services.

For further information please contact: cddt@strathblanefield.org.uk

STRATHBLANEFIELD COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT TRUST

THE BIG WEEKEND. The Big Vern Gig proved to be a sell out and our thanks go to all those who contributed raffle prizes. The resulting surplus will go towards further community projects.

Strathblane Church wishes to thank all who supported the **Big Lunch** - a very enjoyable afternoon.

GREENHEART. The group has made further grant applications for the final phases of the play-park in association with SCDT. If these are successful, combined with local fund-raising it is hoped that the equipment will be installed in the near future.

GRAVEDIGGERS' BOTHY. Progress is being made on the transfer of the Gravediggers' Bothy at the Church from Stirling Council to SCDT. Once the transfer is completed it is proposed that it will be converted for community use following a period of consultation with the Church and interested parties.

INTERPRETIVE WALKING MAP. The map was available at the Summer Fair and the Big Lunch where more than 50 copies were sold. The primary school and nursery children have also received copies. The map is available in the library and at local shops and businesses priced at £2.00. Proceeds will go towards the cost of a future reprint and to other community projects.



ALLOTMENTS. The group held an open day during the Big Weekend to show the progress which they have made in a very short time. Like any new garden, ground preparation and proper drainage is essential and given the bad weather in recent times their efforts are coming to fruition with a wide variety of crops now flourishing.

PATH DEVELOPMENT GROUP see p2 & below.

Please be considerate when you park — think where you are!

Please do not park in front of people's driveways, don't block the entrance to the Co-op, and don't block the entrance to garages or across paths. If you have to park close to the shops on Glasgow Rd please think of pedestrians and prams before you park. Don't use the disabled parking bays unless you have a blue badge. It is very difficult to obtain a blue badge these days so do not assume that if someone appears to be able to walk they shouldn't have a blue badge.

Do use the space available in Park Place if you have to drive to take your dog for a walk and don't park in front of residents houses in Dumbrock Road. At the same time the triangle in the corner of Park Place (see below) is required for vehicles turning, access to garages and to the footpath over the Blane to the Playpark, library and school.



Path Volunteer Days — June 29th & 30th

Earlier this year the Path Group got funding from the Local paths Local People Scheme for a project to upgrade the Y-shaped path between the footbridge over the Blane at Park Place and the routes to the library and playpark. the grant pays for materials, equipment (hand tools and barrows) and the hire of a compaction tool with the community providing the labour.

The proposal includes:

- Raising the path to smooth out bridge access for prams, scooters, chairs etc.
- Installing 'long-slow' steps between the park and the bridge.
- Installing edging to the path where none exists
- Raise the path level to meet new edges.
- Possibly installing a couple of cross-drains.
- Smooth out the 'Bike Jump'.

On Sat & Sun June 29-30 it is planned to work from 09:30 until 16:30 with breaks for refreshments as required!

What do you need? — Energy: Strong Footwear (not Wellies as we are not working in the burn!): Water Bottle, Gloves, & Suncream (hopefully).

Any questions or to register your participation in advance (not essential) contact Calum Craig, calum_craig@hotmail.com phone 07974781281

With many hands the work should be light - so please spread the word to friends and family.

If you can spare a few hours on either day - we would love you spend them with us!

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

JUNE

TUES 23rd	6.30 - 7pm	Metafit Class in the Village Club - today and every Tuesday - suitable for beginners, just come along. For further details: contact Louis Miller at Strathblane Pharmacy
29th-30th	9.30-4.30	Path Volunteer Days Contact Calum Craig: calum_craig@hotmail.com ; or 07974781281
SUN 30th	1 - 5pm	Village Jam in the Village Club. All musicians welcome.

JULY

until the 12th	11am-5pm	Smithy Gallery Summer Exhibition - www.smithygallery.co.uk for details
until the 12th	10 - 5pm	Milngavie Art Club Annual Exhibition (closed 1 -2pm)
SAT 6th	2pm	Car Treasure Hunt and BBQ Contact Richard Begg for more details
FRI 12th	7.30pm	Feis Fhoirt Concert of traditional Scottish music. in St Mary's Church, Aberfoyle. Tickets are £10 to include wine and nibbles and are available from http://www.stmarychurchaberfoyle.org.uk/id32.html or by calling 01786 870710 or at the door.
SUN 28th	1 - 5pm	Village Jam in the Village Club. All musicians welcome.
SUN 28th	7pm	Evening Service at Auchengillan

AUGUST

WED-FRI 6th - 7th	9.30-2pm	Seaside Rock Holiday Club in the Kirk Rooms. All children in Primary School - or starting in August - welcome. To book a place email lynnej1@talktalk.net or leave names at the library.
TUES 20th	7.30pm	Bookgroup in the library. Come along & tell us what you have been reading over the summer.
Wed 21st	2.30pm	Bookbug - Summertime rhymes and stories in the library
SUN 25th	1 - 5pm	Village Jam in the Village Club. All musicians welcome.

Strathblane Parish Church invites you to **Summer Activity Times @ the Kirkrooms**. Fun & games indoors & outdoors.
Wed 17th July 10 a.m. to 11.30 a.m. for 5-8 year olds; **Wed 24th July** 2.p.m. to 3.30 p.m. for 10 to 13 year olds;
Wed 31st July 4.30 pm. to 6.00 p.m. for 7 to 11 year olds.

A further *Date for the Diary* — Saturday 14 September Osiligi Warriors Maasai Tribal and Dance 7.30 in the Edmonsone Hall — full details in the August Bulletin and look out for the posters round the villages.

Summer Fair Success

Thank you to everyone who contributed to the Strathblanefield Summer Fair held at Strathblane Primary School on Saturday 1 June 2013. The organisers are de-

August Blane Valley Bulletin

Please send us all **late-August, and September events** for the Calendar and other items for the next Bulletin which goes to press on **August 17th** to cc@strathblanefield.org.uk

Police Surgery Hours

Unfortunately we do not have the next two months times as we go to press. As soon as they are available we will post them on the website - at strathblanefield.org.uk

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 The surgery can be contacted at 01360 770340 For a range of healthcare information go to the practice website at www.edenkilnsurgery.com

The VILLAGE CLUB is available for club activities and private parties. Contact Elspeth Posnett (Tel: 770113) or Keith Vass

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