

# BLANE VALLEY BULLETIN

The Strathblane Community Council News Sheet

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## LIBRARY GETS THE THUMBS-UP!

A big THANK YOU from Strathblane Community Development Trust, for the brilliant response to our recent request for evidence of support for the proposed new Thomas Graham Library Hub. You sent us hundreds of emails and stuck up Smiley faces on the boards placed around the village. The overwhelming view was to support our ambition to create a wonderful new community facility with the backing of Angus Graham's generous donation.



### Here's a summary:

Email supports: 230 | Email doesn't support: 1 | Smiley faces: 384 | Unsure faces: 10 | Sad faces: 15  
Number of photos with thumbs up: 9

We loved the comments from your emails, eg:

"Our family would love a new library!"

"This is an excellent initiative to provide a much-needed new community facility"

"Love the librarians and library. It would be marvellous to have a building and environment to match"

"Amazing generosity and a good cause. Let's get it right"

Now we move on to the next stage of Community Engagement and Consultation. This will focus on where the new facility should be, what it should offer and how the building should be designed. This will involve public meetings, focus groups, the questionnaire circulated with this issue of the Bulletin, and a Frequently Asked Questions feature (FAQs) on our website – [www.strathblane.online](http://www.strathblane.online)

Please, please do your best to give us these vital views and responses. It's our aim to make the Thomas Graham Library Hub a wonderful facility that works for all of our residents.

We can't do it without you!

## Community Resilience Plan

A Community Resilience Plan, also known as a Community Emergency Plan or Severe Weather Response helps a community to respond to emergencies. It uses local knowledge and strengths, helps people work together in times of need and builds community spirit. The current version of the Plan dates from November 2015 and it is therefore time for it to be reviewed and updated. The Plan contains important information such as:

- Local risk assessments e.g. flood locations/extreme snowfall
- Local skills and resources assessment e.g. a log of medically trained individuals, local farmers with access to heavy vehicles, residents with 4x4s, emergency telephone list of volunteers

In addition, we believe it would be useful to know of any potentially vulnerable people or people that might be isolated, either due to their remote location or health related problems. Due to the nature of our village, a number of households could become isolated as a result of extreme weather. For example, those on the outskirts of the village with single track driveways may become housebound during flooding or heavy snowfall.

We are looking for volunteers to come forward who can help during a community emergency e.g. snow shovelling or delivery of supplies. If you have any of the above mentioned skills and/or resources and would like to be involved, please contact Mandy Watson, Community Councillor on [mandy.watson@rocketmail.com](mailto:mandy.watson@rocketmail.com) or **07758 100 152**.

Please also let us know if you are potentially vulnerable or isolated due to health or location so that we can keep a record.

Note that the Plan is not intended to be a substitute for the emergency services and anyone in immediate danger should always call 999.

**The Bulletin will not be in production during the Covid-19 outbreak. We hope to return the Bulletin soon.**

For future sponsorship details email: [contact@strathblanec.org.uk](mailto:contact@strathblanec.org.uk)

This issue is sponsored by A Local Resident

## **Strathblane Community Council March Update**

*From Chair Julie Hutchison*

### **Police Report**

PC Graham reported that there had been a report of a fight between two females in Dumbrock Drive. Police attended but it was a dispute between friends. There were two road traffic accidents, one on Strathblane Road and the other at Duntreath. There were no injuries. PC Graham reminded the meeting about winter driving. There were reports of people trying doors in the Kirkland Avenue area in the early hours of 3rd February. Extra patrols have been carried out to look for suspicious persons and as a result three window cleaners were issued with warnings for failing to have a required licence. There was a theft of alcohol from Strathblane Co-op. Enquiries are continuing. There was a report of a male being taken from a house in Glasgow and driven to Queen's view where he was assaulted. He escaped and summoned help. Police attended and obtained details, but the enquiries into this incident are being carried out by officers in Glasgow.

### **SCDT Report**

Margaret Vass reported on the work streams currently being undertaken in parallel by members of the SCDT to advance the plans for the new library. Full information regarding current plans can be found in the flier contained in this edition of the BVB. Julie Hutchison asked if the site needs to be decided before plans are drawn up and Margaret Vass replied that the architects would draw up plans for the two most likely sites. Margaret Vass is currently working to involve pupils in both the Primary school and Balfron High School in the planning process. Abigail Kennedy, who is the Senior Prefect for Strathblane, will be responsible for providing information to pupils from our area.

### **Flooding Update**

Some flooding in gardens on Southburn Road during the storm last weekend was caused by a wheelie bin being blown into the burn. A resident reported debris at the culvert at Kirkhouse Road and noticed that there is now a padlock on the grid at the culvert. Residents are concerned about access for emergency services. Pam Campbell will seek reassurance from her colleagues about this.

A resident reported continued issues with flooding in the gardens at Edenkiln Place, caused by run-off from the field behind the houses. The drainage ditch has silted up allowing water to flow into the gardens. Stirling Council said they would follow this up with the landowner but nothing has been done.

Kate Ramsden reported that a landslip has sent mud down Jenny's Burn and that the recent heavy rain has moved boulders down the burn, blocking the culvert again. The retaining wall was not repaired after the problems last June. Residents met for a site visit with Scottish Water last week.

### **Resilience Plan**

This is our severe weather response, which is aimed at helping people to work together. Details of this are in the article on page 1.

### **Report from South West Forum**

The focus of the Forum was to introduce us to Angela Simpson, the Access and Sustainable Travel Officer, who is responsible for core paths in Stirling Council. She is undertaking an audit of the paths in the Stirling Council area and is looking for help from local communities to tell her about paths.

There was a discussion about possibly re-siting the West Highland Way where it crosses Cuilt's Road.

### **Elected Members Report**

Stirling Council met to discuss the budget and set a Council Tax increase of 4.84%. This will be confirmed after the Scottish Government budget is announced and the council knows how much money it will have. Alistair Berrill raised the issue of Strathendrick Care Home again and has asked for clarity about the situation. To a great extent this is out of the Council's hands. More charging points for electric cars have been installed. There are 4 in Killearn, but none in our area. The X10 bus service is now running on Sundays. Alistair Berrill said that residents need to use this service in order to retain it.

The Fire Service and Police are running a Water safety event in BHS on May 29th for P7 and S6 pupils.

The road from Balmaha to Drymen is being closed for repairs, but there is no alternative route for residents to use. Pam Campbell will raise the issue of traffic calming measures agreed for the A81 and ask why the Village Club was notified about dates while the CC was not.

### **Planning and Licensing**

There has been a planning application for change of use of part of the garden ground to camping/caravan site at Ardoch house Blanefield G63 9AW. John Gray found a change of use application for "Bed and Breakfast" plus the camping facilities which has been pending since July 2019. He proposed that we should write to SC to say that the CC is in favour of business in the area but it is in nobody's interests to have commercial activities operating in limbo. The Council should decide on this application one way or the other. This was agreed by the CC. The application for change of use of land for siting 3 tourism pods at Blane Valley Inn Blanefield was refused. John Gray will ask Stirling Council if a change of use would have to be submitted if the pub is sold for housing. He will ask that the CC should be kept informed about this site.

As the CC website is still unavailable the minutes can be accessed on the SCDT website [www.strathblane.online](http://www.strathblane.online)

## **Get in Touch**

Email the SCC at [contact@strathblanecc.org.uk](mailto:contact@strathblanecc.org.uk) or via the website [www.strathblanecc.org.uk](http://www.strathblanecc.org.uk)

### **Your Community Councillors**

Julie Hutchison 770791 Andrew Thompson 770838 Philip Graves 07826 424 442

Grace Edmonds 770800 Mandy Watson 07758 100 152 John Gray 771031

Kate Ramsden 07801 372 588 Evelyn Macdougall 770757

**Additional Sources** - Community Website: [www.strathblane.online](http://www.strathblane.online)  
Libraby, Notice boards, local press, Strathblanefield Facebook Page

### **STIRLING COUNCIL**

**Councillors' Surgeries** are usually at 7pm on SCC meeting nights in the Village Club.

**Report Faults at** [info@stirling.gov.uk](mailto:info@stirling.gov.uk) or 01786 4040

**Updates at** [www.stirling.gov.uk](http://www.stirling.gov.uk)



# CORONAVIRUS: PUBLIC INFORMATION

The Government and NHS are well prepared to deal with this virus.

You can help too.

The best way to protect yourself and others is



Wash your hands with soap and water, or use a sanitiser gel, regularly throughout the day.

Catch your cough or sneeze in a tissue, bin it, and wash your hands.

This is the best way to slow the spread of almost any germs, including Coronavirus.

If you recently arrived back from specified areas follow the returning traveller advice.

Check the list of areas and find out more at:  
[nhsinform.scot/coronavirus](https://nhsinform.scot/coronavirus)

## COVID - 19 : A NOTE TO RESIDENTS

Stirling Council has asked us to share this notice. We would like to ask that residents should look out for neighbours in the event of a shut down by the Government. Please phone neighbours, particularly elderly people who may not wish to expose themselves to the virus, to see if they need any help with shopping etc.

## Litter

Litter in and around our village is unattractive. Please think about regularly picking up the rubbish around your house, or perhaps further afield, maybe when walking your dog. We are aware that there have been volunteers out over the last few weeks clearing litter on the A81 to the East Dumbarton boundary, along Campsie Road and up the Cuilt Road. Litter pickers are available from Julie Hutchison (phone number is in the information box in the BVB) and the council will supply orange bags and uplift them once notified that they are full.

## New Library Fundraiser

Plaid song in Concert – Songs of Scotland's history and heritage  
Friday 27th March 2020 in the Edmonstone Hall  
Tickets £12 each from Strathblane Library  
7.30 pm for 8.00pm. BYOB. No bar.

## STRATHBLANE CHURCH EASTER SERVICES

**Saturday 21st March:** Lenten Walk, 11am, church car park

**Friday 27th March:** That Friday Night Thing for S1 pupils, 7pm, Kirk Rooms

**Sunday 29th March:** Messy Church, 3.30pm, Kirk Rooms

**Thursday 2nd April:** Cuppa Time Easter Special. 2pm Kirk Rooms

**Saturday 4th April:** Lenten Walk, 11am church car park

**Monday 6th April/Tuesday 7th April/Wednesday 8th April:** 1pm-1.30pm, Holy Week service, church

**Thursday 9th April:** Maundy Thursday joint service with Killearn Kirk, 7pm, Strathblane Parish Church

**Friday 10th April:** Good Friday joint service with Killearn Kirk, 7pm, Killearn Kirk

**Sunday 12th April:** 8am- Walk to Dunglass for service at the cross, meet in church car park  
9.30am- Breakfast and Easter egg hunt, Kirk Rooms  
11am- Easter Sunday family service, church  
6.30pm- Evening service, Kirk Rooms

### EVENT REMINDER!!!

**FIZZ FUN FASHION & FUNDS!**  
A sale to fight cancer and climate change

**Saturday March 28th, 7 – 11pm**  
in the Village Club.

### Edenkiln Surgery

We can be contacted on **01360 770340**  
For a range of healthcare information go to the practice website at:  
[edenkilnsurgery.com](https://www.edenkilnsurgery.com) For out of hours call **NHS24 on 111**

**PLEASE DO NOT ATTEND THE SURGERY IF YOU'RE PRESENTING WITH COVID-19 SYMPTOMS. INSTEAD CALL FOR ADVICE**

## Enquiries and Bookings

**Edmonstone Hall** - Contact David McLean on **01360 770 919** OR [mclean728@btinternet.com](mailto:mclean728@btinternet.com)  
**The Village Club** - See schedule at [www.villageclub1911.org](http://www.villageclub1911.org) or Email [strathblanevc@gmail.com](mailto:strathblanevc@gmail.com)

Ambulance - 999 Fire - 999 NHS 24 - 111 Police - 999

## COMMUNITY CALENDAR

### March 2020

|               |                 |  |
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| Thursday 26th | 10am - 12pm     | Citizen's Advice Bureau drop in at Strathblane Library                                     |
| Thursday 26th | 10.30 - 11.30am | Bookbug - songs & rhymes for wee ones at Strathblane Library, just drop in.                |
| Thursday 26th | 3.15 - 4.45pm   | 'Fun with Fabrics@Strathblane Library' for ages 9-11. Contact to book. 50p                 |
| Friday 27th   | 10 - 11.30am    | <b>Fabulous Felting for Adults.</b> (Strathendrick Embroiderers Guild) Coffee and Drop in. |
| Saturday 28th | 10.15 - 11.45am | 'Fun with Fabrics@Strathblane Library' for ages 9-11. Contact to book. 50p                 |
| Saturday 28th | 1pm - 3pm       | Code Club. Ages 8+. Places must be booked via Strathblane Library                          |
| Tuesday 31st  | 11am - 12.30pm  | Strathblane Library Natter & Needle, all needleworkers welcome                             |
| Tuesday 31st  | 7 - 9pm         | Traditional music session in the Library. Contact Sheila - 770824                          |

### April 2020

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| Monday 6th     | 7.30pm         | Community Council meeting Village Club                                       |
| Tuesday 7th    | 7.30pm         | Strathblane Library Film Club. April film is 'Green Book'. All welcome       |
| Tuesday 14th   | 11am - 12.30pm | Strathblane Library Natter & Needle, all needleworkers welcome               |
| Tuesday 21st   | 7.30pm         | Strathblane Library Book Group meeting. Contact the library for further info |
| Wednesday 22nd | 7.30pm         | Campsie Crooners - Village Club  |
| Tuesday 28th   | 11am - 12.30pm | Strathblane Library Natter & Needle, all needleworkers welcome               |
| Tuesday 28th   | 7 - 9pm        | Traditional music session in the Library. Contact Sheila - 770824            |
| Wednesday 29th | 7.30pm         | Campsie Crooners - Village Club  |
| Thursday 30th  | 10.30 - 11am   | Bookbug - songs & rhymes for wee ones at Strathblane Library, just drop in.  |

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