



Dullatur Community Council

Spring Newsletter

Dear Residents

We all survived the freezing weather and the snow and the NLC gritting service did a good job keeping us on the move. Even to the point of footpath clearing and gritting. So this year ten out of ten NLC. Well the weather now has turned the corner and we are now seeing a glimpse of things to come. All the spring bulbs are shooting up at a great rate of knots and the garden centres are filling their shelves with all the summer “must haves”.

The Community Council sends their very best wishes to the Villages’ Mr Fixit, John Colquhoun, who is in plaster with a broken leg. Wishaw General told him to rest; but has John.....Who are you kidding? He has been seen in his workshop in the garage already.

So what’s been happening?

Many of you have asked about the construction on Wester Dullatur Farm’s land. It’s a service road to the original Dullatur sewage refining plant; it is being upgraded and sewage will be pumped to the central sewage system that runs through the valley. It will not however, eliminate the use of pumping stations.

Croy Station

4th March – Croy Car park open day. The new plans include the following

1. Existing Rail car park will become a short term car park
2. Land to the west of the waste land car park – a new car park will be built - when complete they will then build a new car park on the waste land site. This should therefore help to prevent any issues when work is being completed.
3. Car parks will hold 1,000 cars (currently approx 750 cars being parked at Croy – however this figure does not include cars parked in Croy itself)
4. An extra lane will be built to help access to the station.
5. Traffic lights at entrance
6. Currently being advertised for Tender – 28 application received to date.
7. It is hoped Contractors will begin end 2009 – with completion Summer 2010
8. Car park charges are still vague – as SPT have agreed to build the car park and then they will pass ownership and up keep to NLC.

A number of residents have complained at the dangerous state of the overflow car park with pot holes, our Councillors are aware of our complaints. Please feel free to complain strongly to your councillors and Head of Roads and Planning. Contact details are listed on the back page.

Recycling

The Community Council held a public awareness meeting in recycling on the 9th March. Present were Kirsty Allen & Jamie McKay from NLC Recycle for Good and Jennifer Agnew of Scottish Water. Although the attendance was disappointing the residents who were there took away a lot of useful information.

Kirsty took the floor first and told us that pre 2007 only 2% of rubbish collected by NLC was recycled. Last year 31% was collected, an impressive improvement. She broke the Bin Collections down as follows;

The Dullatur, Westerwood, Carrickstone, Craigmarloch Area;

Blue Bins	500 Tonnes	31 Lorries
Glass bins	102 Tonnes	Higher than other areas (wonder why?)
Brown Bins	279 Tonnes	This has exceeded all expectations.

Questions were asked and answered.

All plastic is sent to China for processing. There are not processing plants in the U.K. The cost is balanced out by container ships from China returning to base almost empty, they now carry plastic waste.

Yes and No in Blue Bin

Yes; Paper, Yellow Pages, magazines, cereal cartons, cards, all envelopes, aerosol cans, soft drink cans, steel cans, plastic food containers, washed aluminium foil, chocolate box inner liners, fruit juice cartons (Tetrapac), milk containers, plastic bottles. Try to flatten as much as possible.

No; Foil lined packages (tea bags & crisp packets), foil lined crisp boxes (Pringles), foil lined "take away box" lids, polystyrene containers, cling film, plastic bags, plastic bread wrappers, cellophane wrapping from pre packed food. Bulky textiles e.g. Duvets, towels, clothing, shoes; these should be put in the Textile Bank (although these are listed as o.k. in NLC recycling list)

The trucks are unloaded into conveyer belts and the waste is hand sorted and should be washed before putting in the bin. Please do not put plastic bags in the bin as they jam up the belt.

No in Green Bin;

Crockery, china, household glassware, Pyrex.

Batteries; Torch batteries should be put in black bin. Re-chargeable batteries are recommended.

Black Bin

All other rubbish, including plastic bags etc. Did you know that it takes 400 years for a disposable nappy to break down? There is a weekly uplift service for incontinence pads, this can be arranged from Environmental Contact Centre.....01698-403110; environmental@northlan.gov.uk

Jennifer Agnew of Scottish Water continued with the recycling story and gave an interesting account of what happens to the contents of the brown bin. The garden waste is taken to the recycling facility in Westfield, the site of the old Deerdykes sewage plant. The waste is put in tunnels for two weeks to break down. It is then transferred to sheds for 6 weeks where the second phase takes place and your waste has turned into Pod. The compost is then ready to be used in Council landscaping or packed in convenient sized bags for domestic use.

In time the gas produced from the processing will be burned off to create electricity. This will initially be used at the Deerdykes facility, but in the long term could be used to power the neighbouring industrial estate and even sold back to the national grid. In the not so distant future it may be piped to the Barr's Iron Bru plant adjacent to the facility.

Christmas Trees were collected from Argyll and district, the Strathclyde Region and North Lanarkshire and are processing at this moment.

From January 2009 Dullatur/ Westerwood have been selected for a year long trial and you will all have received a green kitchen top container and a roll of Bio Bags. All kitchen waste is now put in the Brown Bin. This also includes Rabbit bedding and straw and horse manure.

Brown Bin No; Plastic bags, dog waste, cat litter.

If you run out of bags or your container breaks contact Jamie McKay at Recycle for Good; mckayj@northlan.gov.uk and he will deliver them to you. It is hoped he can drop off a supply to the Community Council and you can pick them up from us. Unfortunately the website Bio Bags (Scotland) has closed its small sale mail order service.

Thanks to Jacqui Dalgleish of Antonine Road for the information below.

[The Bra Appeal - Donate Your Unwanted Bras](#)

Don't throw your old bras away - Donate them to the BreastTalk.co.uk Bra Appeal!

We're asking for all your old bras - send them to us and we can distribute them to charities throughout the UK and overseas. We can also use them to generate cash for breast cancer research.

There are many women across the world that for whatever reason don't have a bra. They may be homeless in the UK or living in a country where the price of a new bra is just out of their reach. The BreastTalk.co.uk Bra Appeal is trying to help these women by collecting and distributing your unwanted bras to charities in the UK and abroad.

We also help raise money for breast cancer research by giving some of the bras we collect to BCR Global Textiles. BCR sell them to traders in third world countries to support and supply their own businesses. This creates employment in poorer environments and allows the residents in these areas to make the choice as to what to purchase whilst creating viable economy.

When the bags of bras are collected from us they are returned to a sorting warehouse in West Bromwich and baled for export.

[What types of Bra can you donate?](#)

- Any style - but not too sexy or see through.

- Any Size - Especially large or small sizes.
- US or European sizes are fine.
- Maternity or Nursing bras are fine.

How to donate your bras

Please post all bras to the address below in a small Jiffy type bag or box.

- YOU MUST wash all bras before you post them.
- Check the straps and clasps are in working order and there are no rips or tears in the material.
- Please attach a small piece of paper to each bra with the size. Use a paper clip and attach to one of the straps - Please DO NOT use pins.
- Please DO NOT send knickers. We cannot use them and have to throw them away.
- If you are sending new bras please let us know they are new
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Post your Bras to:

BreastTalk.co.uk - Bra Appeal
 PO Box 71
 Craven Arms
 Shropshire
 SY7 0WZ

Fly Tipping

If anyone sees a vehicle dumping tyres in the Bunny Hop or any out of the way places around the village can you take the registration number and call the police.....This is the 4th time in the past 18 months this has happened. The Community Council have asked NLC to fit bollards at either end of the path but there is always an excuse why it can't be done.

Local Plan

When the original draft was put out, Dullatur Community Council raised a number of issues, these are included in the list below. We really need to have your views as a resident so that we can put together a range of comments, suggestions and if necessary objections which represent the views of this community. The Finalised Plan will be available on 14 April and there will be a statutory 6 week period for objection which will close on 29 May 2009.

Please let us know if you agree, or not, with the views expressed below and where appropriate add others for consideration.

When agreed the North Lanarkshire Local Plan will inform where future development in our area can and can't take place up to at least 2013.

We need this within the next 2 weeks

Please note by giving us your views this does not stop you making them known directly to North Lanarkshire Council or your North Lanarkshire Councillor.

Key issues affecting Dullatur

- ✓ **Parking at Croy Station**
- ✓ **Upgrade of Pedestrian Walkway to Croy Station**
- ✓ **Creating a safe pedestrian access to the Forth and Clyde Canal and Croy Hill.**
- ✓ **Placement of Direction signage for pedestrians, cyclists and riders via the stepped footpath at Victoria Road and Dykehead Road to avoid the dangerous Glen Road.**
- ✓ **Upgrade of lighting in keeping with the Victorian Housing in the Conservation area of Dullatur.**
- ✓ **Creating a footpath the Cumbernauld and St Andrews Primary Schools and Craigmarnock Shopping Centre.**
- ✓ **Retain open green space and fields in Dullatur Road.**
- ✓ **Scale down building programs until adequate provision is made for an efficient Sewage system, schools, medical centres etc.**
- ✓ **Addressing the lack of vision in attracting a more diverse range of retail shops and Flagship stores within the Antonine Centre and the Original Shopping Centre.**
- ✓ **Providing a free bus service from Town Centre to the struggling Westway Retail Park**
- ✓ **Relocating the Library to a more user friendly ground floor location.**
- ✓ **Re-instating Cumbernauld House as a worthy feature of the Town's Heritage.**

About the plan

Main elements of the plan which can be seen on the North Lanarkshire website under www.northlan.gov.uk

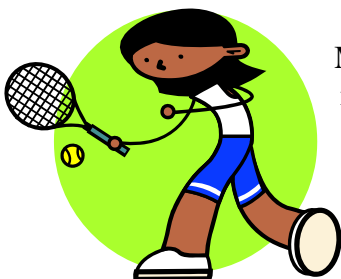
- A detailed description of plans for land use across North Lanarkshire. This will be broken into different sections according to a number of key subject areas, for example; town centres, industrial buildings, areas of countryside etc.
- Three area plans containing proposals specific to action in the northern, central and southern areas of North Lanarkshire .
- A set of maps to illustrate the proposals for action in the northern, central and southern areas of North Lanarkshire .

Members of the public and specific interest groups are invited to comment, and North Lanarkshire Council say that wherever possible, the plan will be adapted in line with the comments and suggestions made. Any outstanding objections regarding the plan will at this stage be considered through a local public inquiry.

Key issues to think about

- Industrial sites and office space
- Roads and transportation
- Tourism and heritage
- Shopping
- Town centres
- Housing – quality and location
- The natural environment
- Community facilities

Dullatur Lawn Tennis Club 2009-2010



May 1ST marks the start of the new tennis season and memberships will require to be renewed as specified here. As things stand the club has a very buoyant membership at both Family and Junior level. It is anticipated that our membership lists will be full this year as was the

case last year and anyone interested in joining needs to make prompt application to the Committee for consideration.

Family memberships for existing members wishing to renew will be held at last season's level of £95. New Family members i.e. those who did not hold a membership in season 08-09 will require to pay a joining fee of £15, to include court key. Family membership entitles the holders to invite occasional guests, for whom they are responsible and who must observe club rules on behaviour, dress code etc.

Junior membership fees will be increased to £35 and new members will require to pay a joining fee of £5, to include court key. Juniors may invite an occasional guest to play. Parents who wish to play tennis with their children should apply for a Family membership. It is not in the spirit of the guest policy that local children [who do not apply for membership in their own right] are frequent guests of others. Such practice will be prohibited.

The single Adult membership will be £60 and the Student membership £40. The joining fee for a single Adult is £15 and for a student £5 to include a court key. Proof of student status is required.

Renewal of all memberships, together with applications for this year coaching for children, will be in week commencing Monday 20th April 2009. During that week payments can be made to Margaret Smillie at Pine Lodge, Victoria Rd Dullatur. We will also have a facility to renew memberships and take coaching fees in the village hall Dullatur on Sunday 26th April 2009 between 12pm and 2pm. No guarantee of membership renewal can be made where payment is submitted after 26th April 2009.

Coaching will again be by Neil in a 10 week block starting Thursday 14th May until Thursday 16th July 2009. The children will be directed into groups of like ability and there will be a maximum of 8 per class. The cost of the 10 week block is £35 irrespective of age or level. Times of coaching and grading of existing members will be available on request from Margaret, in the week of paying subscriptions, or at the village hall on Sunday 26th April 2009. Last year all sessions were full. They are provided for members only, on a first come first served basis.

Absolute beginners, who tend to be very young, will be taken by Margaret for an informal introduction to tennis. It is hoped that after some sessions we may be able to move beginners onwards but this is subject to availability of spaces and progress of the child. Margaret's sessions will be limited to 6 children maximum and are subject to ongoing review. The cost of these sessions is £20 for the 10 week block. Parents are required to remain in attendance on coaching nights, where a child of 7 or under is involved.

Tournament ties will be played [at all levels] on Thursday evenings to suit the available umpires and this will dovetail with coaching sessions on the same night. It is planned to play the first ties as early as Thursday 21st May, so get practising! Further information will be available once participants are known and the draw has been made. A seeding system will operate. The Finals Day will be held on Saturday 22nd August 2009 and all finals will be on that day, without exception.

There will also be a club fun day with barbeque at a date to be determined in late June. The Committee looks forward to welcoming back members to what will hopefully be another successful season.

If you shop in Tesco and do not collect the vouchers for schools/clubs can you take them and pass them on to the club. Last year, thanks to your generosity we collected enough to get extra balls.....and how we need them. In Dullatur, tennis balls have wings!

THE COMMITTEE D.L.T.C.



The Dullatur Mother & Toddler and Playgroup

This is a great way of meeting other mothers and introducing your child to new friends if you have just

moved to the village. The Mother & Toddler and Playgroup is a non-profit making, community based group run by a committee of parents and carers, who employ two qualified play leaders, Emma and Gillian. The Toddler caters for children up to the age of two and a half years and their parents/ carers. The Playgroup caters for two and a half years plus, as a progression towards nursery.

Easter parties will be held on Mon 30th March & Thur. 2nd April. Easter break is from 6th – 17th April.

Group Update

Both Toddlers and Playgroup are full at present, and we have got a short waiting list. Emma is our waiting list coordinator, and her number is 451082.

While you are having that well deserved Coffee Break...pick up your copy of:-

This coming summer a fabulous new women's magazine, Mums in Control, will be arriving in the G67/68 area. The glossy magazine which has featured in 'Good Housekeeping' and 'Psychologies', contains National content, Celebrity interviews and community news and is supported by LOCAL businesses. To advertise in the summer 09 edition contact Local Editor: Lorraine Harkins on 01236 726930.

Community Councillors

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Can you help?

The Community Council are trying to cut down on the use of paper, if you are not already on my list can you please mail me your e-mail address to; margaret.smillie@btopenworld.com. We would also appreciate some help with distribution to the houses only in your street.....It would really help.

And Finally

If you have just moved into the village, a warm welcome and we hope the move was not too stressful.

We are an active community, if you can lend a hand in any way, we would be delighted.

North Lanarkshire Council.....Bron Way.....01236-616200

North Lanarkshire Council.....Motherwell.....01698-302222

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Services available in the village

Learn to drive with Ability ...Des Flynn...01236-727662 or ability@tesco.net.

Saturday & Sunday Newspapers delivered; Euan.....734277.
High Class Bespoke Tailoring by Jack Houston @ Robert Dick 0141-554-0655
Fresh Farm egg delivery..... Anna on 732282
Mercedes Benz Independent Specialist..... established 20 years-T.J. O'Neill Tel: 0141 778 5314.
Stabling and livery.....Wester Dullatur Farm.....723218
Tree Surgery and maintenance.....Jim Fraser 724482
Luxury People Carrier.....Dullatur Private Hire.....Colin Dunigan, 01236-724225 or 007952-873223
Pressed for time....Let Gillian do your ironing.....01324-815536
Gordon Campbell.....Telephone Installations 07947143517 or 01236-760133
Glenmavis Computers; Repairs & maintenance, home and business: 01236-762543
String Quartet for weddings, functions etc.....Peter Markham @Phoebus 724209
Roof Problems: Tom Rhymer, 01236-721339.
Plasma T.V Installations.....Graham.....730893
Plumber.....Stephen Scott.....01236-613118. Mobile 07795973942
Electrician.....Bill Mills.....734450 or 07732557485.
If you have a problem with uninvited house guests.....field mice, squirrels etc,
Contact Jim Armstrong....NLC Environmental Dept.....01236-616537
The Village Hall is available for hire for children's parties and the ceiling decorated and lit for a small fee. Hall hire for residents, £7.00 per hour. Likewise equipment, e.g. chairs, tables and catering equipment can be hired for a small charge.



Special Offer
£1.50
per 40L bag of *pod* compost

Available from
CED Ltd, Castlecary Depot, Allandale,
by Bonnybridge, Falkirk FK4 2HJ
www.ced.ltd.uk

Maximum of 5 bags per voucher, subject to availability.
Offer expires 31/04/09