



Dullatur Community Council Newsletter

Dear Resident

What's been happening?

The play area (off Prospect road). We are still waiting for the completion of the kick about area. Due to the freezing overnight temperatures in April there was a delay, we were promised it would be spread with top soil and seeded for the summer holidays. I don't hold out much hope for that happening.

Bunny Hop: We are hoping this will be filled with aggregate and levelled, suspect our postie Brian is the culprit for wearing down the pathway. It is on NLC list as a Core Access Path.

The Croy Walkway: The walkway is also on the list as a Core Access Path to Croy Hill and Croy Station. The Final Draft of the Plan is in its final stages of approval.

The Glen Road: The Community Police attended a recent meeting of the Community Council. The focus of the meeting was on speeding in general, particularly Dullatur Road and the Glen Road. Unmarked cars will be patrolling the area.

The Cumbernauld Community Park. Opened its gates on the 1st of June in spectacular fashion on a beautiful sunny morning. The park was packed with families ready for a good day out and the entertainment was in full swing with a real carnival atmosphere with plenty to catch the eye. All credit must be given to the committee, Councillors and all the helpers for producing such a marvellous event. In typical Scottish summer fashion two hours before the Fun Day was due to close the heavens opened.

The A.G.M of the Community Council will be held on Thursday 26 June at 8pm.

Be safe and secure: Advice from Constable Kenny Foy –Community Safety Department

British Summer time is now with us – and this increases crime rates with the longer light nights and early mornings. The prime time for break-ins and car snatches is between 5.30am and 6.00am

High value cars are a prime target – if you can use your garage

Don't leave your car keys on a table or near your door – thieves use powerful magnets on fishing rods

Don't leave keys in your door – they can be pushed out and again lifted off the floor with magnets

Be observant – any unusual vehicles – or neighbours cars leaving not **at** the usual time – take a second look

Sat Nav. systems are the new car stereo theft – don't leave them in sight and remember to remove the window holder.

Dullatur, Westerwood and Craigmarloch have the highest car theft incident level in the whole of North Lanarkshire.

Beware of door to door workmen, residents in Dullatur and Westerwood have been duped by bogus workmen. Thanks to a retired police officer in the village one less group of characters will be operating in the area.

Residents have requested speed traps be set on Dullatur Road and Eastfield Road as several residents had been overtaken on the stretch approaching Kings Drive and Dobbies Roundabout to Turnberry Gardens in Westerwood.

A serious act of vandalism from the bridge at Dullatur (behind the quarry) to three trains was reported to The Community Council by a British Transport Police Officer. Three youths were involved.

Croy Station

Planning permission has been granted for 1,250 spaces however the government grant and also the traffic surveys have indicated that 750 should be sufficient. The joint Community Councils are concerned that this would be insufficient. It should also be noted that if the tenders prove to be too expensive only 2 levels will be built with 500 spaces.

A £2 daily charge is being considered however weekly, monthly and annual charges have yet to be negotiated. First Rail Network and SPT need to discuss discounts etc for season ticket holders.

There will be no entry or exit barriers – it is a pay and display multi-storey car park

Part time signals for the car park exit are proposed (evening peak time only)

New traffic lights will also be erected at the entrance to the existing car park

A traffic Impact analysis has been completed but it is only a specimen and not necessarily the final draft. Cllr Alan O'Brien had a very constructive meeting with Tom Peebles of NLC which highlighted a number of issues. A broken down bus plus an accompanying break down truck caused a grid lock situation inside the car park and jams from Croy and the Craiglinn Roundabout last week.

The existing car park will be utilised to provide short term parking

The traffic calming at system on Croy road adjacent to the car park will be removed as it has been highlighted as a problem.

Temporary parking during construction is still under discussion – problems have arisen with the discussion with Broadwood Ltd. Commuters will be encouraged to consider using Greenfaulds The existing car park will have designated pick up/drop off, taxi rank, bus areas, disabled parking and short term parking

The existing bus service does not cover Dullatur or Westerwood. The service could possibly be extended by allowing the bus to travel down to Dobbies roundabout and turn – rather than Carrickstone? This would improve the service for over 1,000 homes with a further 250+ forecast. It was acknowledged that the bus service needs to be reviewed before work begins.

It would appear that SPT/NLC Roads have not considered the issues that will occur once the upgrade work begins on the A80. Diversion routes will impact the road network to the station. It is the concern of the Community Councils that the traffic flow will be compromised with cars queuing for the car park and cars and buses trying to get to drop off areas.

Refuse Uplift

You will all be aware of the new uplift service commencing this week. What you may not be aware of is that there are many different types of plastic in use, some of which we can recycle in the UK and other types – including that used to make yoghurt pots and margarine tubs for example - that require new technology which as yet is not currently available here, to recycle it efficiently. This means that some plastic still goes to landfill, some is incinerated and some shipped abroad for

recycling and foreign manufacturing. All clear film wrap cannot be recycled i.e. bean pot, cream and desert pot covers.

What are they made from?

Yoghurt pots are made from polystyrene.

Reuse them

- As with all plastic containers, where possible keep them for storage
- You can also use them for filling with juice before freezing to make ice lollies!
- Schools & playgroups may use them as craft materials
- They can be used in the garden as pots for seedlings or cane covers

Plastic Bottles

Plastic bottles should be cleaned if necessary and have their tops removed before being recycled. This is so that they can be crushed flat.

What else can I do with them?

- Avoid them!
Recycling plastic is less environmentally friendly than, for example, glass. So if you have the choice, don't go for plastic!
- Donate them!
Give plastic containers to children's scrap stores or playgroups for reuse.

Know Your Plastics

EPS – Expanded Polystyrene, commonly used in packaging, bedding plant packs, house insulation. Can be successfully recycled.

XPS – Extruded Polystyrene, commonly used in meat and fruit trays, take away boxes and cups. Common name; Styrofoam. Cannot be recycled.

It is an interesting fact that in U.S.A, in most states, all XPS plastics is banned or in line for banning.

The Village Barbeque will be held on Saturday 14th June from 6.00pm. Tickets £7.00, for adults and children over twelve and £3.00 for children over three. If you are vegetarian please let us know. This is a very popular event get your names down fast.

Dullatur Lawn Tennis Club

The playing season starting on 3 May. The season is well under way with a record number of 48 junior members joining the coaching sessions with our resident coach Neil Crate. The 8 week block will be paid in advance ON and the second session commences on 3 July until 21 August.

The AGM will be held on Thursday 19 June at 7.30pm.

The Finals Day will be held on 23 August and the draw will be taken shortly.

If you wish to resign your membership or join the club, contact Margaret Smillie on 729805.

The Mother and Toddler Group and Playgroup

The Playgroup/Toddlers are holding a Summer Fayre on Saturday 21st June from 10 -12.30pm. All residents are cordially invited. The Playgroup will finish their summer session with a Hawaiian Beach Party.

This is a great way of meeting other mothers and introducing your child to new friends if you have just moved into the village. The Toddler / Playgroup is a non-profit making, community based group run by a committee of parents & carers, who employ two qualified play-leaders, Emma and Gillian. The Toddler Group 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.

For further information contact Emma....451082.

Youth Enterprise

If you need your car washed for £4.00 or grass cutting for £7.00 per hour or any jobs needed done. They live in the village and will supply their own lawn-mower and tools etc. Guaranteed to do a good job. Contact Rory Stewart 457661 or Grant Campbell 780665.

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.

Thanks yet again to my trusty band of watchdogs who keep me informed of all the goings on in and around the village.

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Services available in the village

Pressed for time....Let Gillian do your ironing.....01324-815536
High Class Bespoke Tailoring by Jack Houston @ Robert Dick 0141-554-0655
Fresh Farm egg delivery..... Anna on 732282
Stabling and livery.....Wester Dullatur Farm.....723218
Tree Surgery and maintenance.....Jim Fraser 724482
Learning to drive.....Call Des @ Ability 01236 – 727662
Computer Repairs & Maintenance, home and business...01236-762543.
Calling Tired Mums; Fed up! Need a break: Registered Child minder; Fully Qualified NNEB -20
Years Experience Call Jacki Oon 07722 878013
Luxury People Carrier.....Dullatur Private Hire.....Colin Dunigan, 01236-724225 or 007952-
873223
Gordon Campbell.....Telecom Installations, repairs or P.C Problems; his Mobile....
07947143517; also 60's, 70s music for large and small functions (not weddings)
String Quartet for weddings, functions etc.....Peter Markham @Phoebus 724209
Roof Problems.....Tom Rhymer, 721339.
Plumber.....Stephen Scott.....01236-613118. Mobile 07795973942
Electrician.....Bill Mills.....734450 or 07732557485.
Decorator.....David Shields 0141-882-0380. Mobile..... 07885189686.
Music Tuition.....Lynn Fraser.....01236-720560
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 and walls decorated and
lit for a small fee. Hall hire for residents, £6.00 per hour. Likewise equipment, e.g. chairs, tables
and catering equipment can be hired for a small charge.
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