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Uplawmoor Community Council

Spring Newsletter 2019

Welcome to our new joint newsletter for Uplawmoor Community Council and Uplawmoor Development Trust.

We are using this as just one of the ways for our organisations to share information and work together for the benefit of Uplawmoor.

At the top left or right corner of each article, you will see the logo of the group which contributed the article.



Neilston to Uplawmoor Path

Consideration is being given to a foot / cycle path between Neilston and Uplawmoor largely using the old railway line. This project is being sponsored by Uplawmoor Development Trust in conjunction with Neilston Development Trust and East Renfrewshire Council. Consultants have been appointed to carry out an initial feasibility study. Should this study produce a positive outcome, a wider community engagement exercise would then be undertaken.

Benches

Many of you will have spotted our new benches in and around the village. We fitted these recycled plastic benches on the



10th March 2019. These new benches have replaced some older wooden benches on the farm tracks which were no longer safe to use and as they are made from recycled plastic the new benches have minimal upkeep.

We would like to thank the Big Lottery Fund for funding this project and Kyle Gordon for use of his Land Rover and Trailer.



Archive Digitisation & Exhibition

One of our big projects for the year ahead is to digitise the village archives – these archives are made up of hundreds of old photographs, newspaper extracts and written pieces from villagers. We are currently getting quotes and applying for funding for this project and plan on having an exhibition of the archives at some point.

If anyone has any historical pictures or knowledge of the village please get in touch as we would love to include these and to tie everything up with as much information and detail as possible for generations to come – even just putting names to the people in the pictures would be a valuable contribution.

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Our New MUGA

From Summer 2017, Uplawmoor Development Trust devoted much time and effort to secure grants totalling £70,000 to enable us to provide a new Multi Use Games Area. Completion of



the funding process was achieved in summer

2018, and the MUGA was officially opened in October by the Head Teacher, Fiona McKay. A significant grant was awarded by East Renfrewshire Council Education Department so that the school children can benefit by being able to play netball, basketball and football all year round. ERC stipulated that a condition of the grant was that Uplawmoor Primary has exclusive use of the MUGA during the school day and term. Anyone else is welcome to use it during school hours when it is empty, but if the school

children and teacher arrive to use it, then the MUGA



must be vacated.

Other funders to whom we are extremely grateful were East Renfrewshire Renewables fund, Barr Environmental and Awards for All (National Lottery) We are very keen to see wide use of the MUGA, and we look forward to helping promote junior and senior Football,

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Netball and Basketball. Details of how we can help,

and names to contact will be put on social media in due course. There are limited funds available for initial coaching.

The old play park seats which you can see in the inset photo were very kindly refurbished and galvanised free



of charge by Scottish Galvanisers of Glasgow, and are situated beside the MUGA.

Dog Fouling & Clean-up

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We would love as many people as possible to come out and help us clear up our village in anticipation of summer – that way we can be proud of where we are living! Gloves, litter pickers and bags are provided. Look out for more details soon!

Also, a reminder that ERC no longer install 'dog waste' bins, all rubbish, litter and dog waste should be put in the normal general waste



bins – there are bins situated at each end of the Castburn path, at each entrance to the park, the front of the Mure Hall and both entrances to The Glen. Please don't pick up your dog's waste and hang the bag on a tree or fence post.

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As per the Community Council scheme for establishment, we are due to have elections in September. This is an ideal opportunity for new members to sign up to get your voice heard, represent your community and be a statutory consultee for East Renfrewshire Council. For more information or to request an application form please contact us –
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What's Next...

From our AGM a number of suggestions were made as to our next projects, can we have your suggestions and comment on whether you agree with the following list and perhaps a steer on priority.

Please email your comments to :
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One key aspect of our projects will be the involvement of villagers, and particular children at all stages of projects.

Tarmac the circular path round the playpark; Drain the park if feasible to tap into drain running the Main Road; general tidy up, removal/ repair of broken fences and twisted wire in the Glen; Generate focal points in the Glen (all Natural); Create a den; Picnic area in the Glen; Small stage area in the Glen; Involve Rainbows and other Youth groups in design of above; Repair the style at the Pollock farm end of the Glen; "Secret Walks" and Ways a set of led walks to explore the periphery of Uplawmoor, with a bit of local knowledge thrown in; Examine potential for opening up a walk round Loch Libo.

Village Forum

We are planning a village forum to have a meeting with representation from all groups that are in the village (or as many as possible). The purpose of this forum and its initial meeting is to help us establish the wants and needs of the village and its groups and for us to help facilitate joined up thinking within the village.

We are still drawing up the agenda for this meeting and will be in touch as soon as possible with a proposed venue, date, time and agenda – to make sure we have your details please get in touch!
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Neighbourhood Watch & Village Security

We have recently taken over the running of the Neighbourhood Watch group for the Uplawmoor area to help grow the scheme and deter potential thieves. We have sourced Neighbourhood Watch window stickers, which are available in the Mure Hall, Church Hall and from ourselves, we have also purchased lamp-post signs for each of the entrances to the village.

Police advice continues to be to ensure that all vehicles are locked, all doors and windows are locked and secure and to keep all keys hidden and away from external walls. It's recommended to call 101 to report any suspicions no matter how minor they are.



Roads

Paul Masterton MP has been supporting us to get the roads in the village up to a reasonable state of repair. ERC are going to be carrying our walk arounds in the next few months to identify areas needing work – a member of the Community Council will also be attending.

Works are scheduled to reduce and improve signage at the ‘Welshes Corner’ to try and improve sightlines, reduce confusion and clarify the road layout beyond the bridge to help reduce the number of near misses and accidents in the area.



Other News

As you will see from the title of the Newsletter, UDT is now working closely with Uplawmoor Community Council to ensure optimisation of effort towards making the village better.

Our Treasurer, Owen Evans, has retired from the Board, and we thank him very much for all his work since the Trust was incorporated. The Treasurer’s role will be taken by Marion Raeside who we welcome to the Board of Trustees. We would welcome others to join our Board. Why not get involved to drive your village forward.

Current Trustees

Paul Forrest (Chair)
David Riddet (Secretary)
Marion Raeside (Treasurer)
Alan Condy
John Raeside
Martin Houston



Current Community Council Members

Rob Williams (Chair)
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Contacting Us...

That’s all from us for now, if you would like to get in touch with either the Community Council or the Development Trust please use the details below, we’d love to hear from you:

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