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# FISHERTON Primary School

## Outdoor Learning

The Early Years Centre and P1-4 have been undertaking weekly outdoor learning sessions together. This has been very beneficial for transition from nursery to school. They recently had a fantastic outdoor learning day exploring the local beach and the rockpools. They found some wonderful creatures in the rockpools, including shrimp and crabs! Pupils were then able to learn more about these when they got back to school.

They have really been enjoying their block of Forest School Friday sessions with the rangers at Belleisle. They have used the local bus service to travel there and have gained social skills, safety skills, respect for self, peers and the environment they are in. So far they have learned about minibeasts, built homes for minibeasts, created transient art and explored nature within the new surroundings.

During the outdoor learning days they develop a lot of skills – communication, collaboration, problem solving, travelling safely, risk assessments and engineering – as well as acquiring new knowledge and understanding about nature and the world around them.



## EYC Intergenerational visit to Greenan Manor Care Home

The nursery are pleased to be able to restart their intergenerational visits. The children visited Greenan Manor Care home to meet the residents and explore the gardens. They found lots of beautiful flowers, some ladybirds and lovely views of the sea. The residents were all pleased to see them and on their next visit, they will plant some flowers and seeds to add more colour to the gardens.



## EYC news

The children have been using lots of mathematical language this term such as bigger, longer, shorter, heavier and using different resources for measuring. They have also been exploring the advantages of keeping healthy and eating healthily, what our heart

feels and sounds like after exercise and how we can care for ourselves and others. They have made smoothies for snack and choose their own fruit selection, they were delicious! The children have also been taking part in learning life skills by purchasing their snacks, they take a shopping list, money and a pencil and go to the supermarket with their parents to buy snack for the EYC, they then have to pay for the shopping, pack the shopping and collect the receipt and change to bring back to nursery.

## Walk to School week 2022

Pupils participated in Walk to School Week in May. The JRSO (Junior Road Safety Officers) were in charge of promoting this. They recognised that it's difficult for some pupils to participate in this due to the location of where they live or other reasons. Therefore, they decided to overcome this by asking everyone to participate in a daily mile with a difference! Each day they had a different theme. Mellow Monday – dress down day (*come in comfy clothing*). Trainers Tuesday – the perfect footwear for a daily mile. Wild hair Wednesday – walk on the wild side. Thrilling Thursday – wear anything wacky (*clothing/accessories, mismatched items, fancy dress*). Funky Friday – step out in style and wear something brightly coloured or patterned.

*The pupils really enjoyed this and rose to the challenge!*



## Goat Fell Adventure

The children in the Big Class have been focusing on the concept of 'responsibility'. They have been learning the importance of outdoor safety and survival skills. They decided they wanted to climb a mountain in order to practise these skills. So some of the Fisherton School community ventured over to Arran for the day at the weekend. They all had a great time and the children challenged their mental and physical strength by climbing Goat Fell! Many of them, including their parents, successfully reached the summit. The children all showed so much determination and felt very proud of themselves.

# North Carrick Villages Public Art Competition

**Public Art is an increasingly important part of place-led development offering ways for communities to celebrate their identity, attract visitors and investment.**

The NCCBC is running a far-reaching and ambitious set of Strategic Reviews to create "a sustainable community-friendly tourism strategy for the area." It wants to create narratives that support the proud history and heritage of North Carrick to thrive and be recognised.

Ayrshire-based Fremantle Consultants (Chris and Gill) are delighted to be delivering a costed proposal for a Public Art Competition with links to tourism, heritage, active travel, and Augmented Reality. This will celebrate the unique character of each community whilst creating a linked identity to encourage people to visit and spend time in all of them.

Through a series of talks (available on Vimeo under Carrick Public Art) they have explored:

- What Makes Good Public Art in a rural context - Jo Hodges and Robbie Coleman
- How do you commission an Artist? - Dr Jan Hogarth
- How do you create an interactive set of artworks across multiple sites, using Augmented Reality to animate?
- Lessons Learned and Next Steps – your chance to have your say in what goes in the strategy!

Through this process they will provide the tools for the communities to run a Public Art Competition. They want to hear from locals about what art they think would bring tourists to the area and create a sense of pride and ownership in the communities. They also hope that there will be an opportunity for employment and possible farm diversification.

To be part of this journey get in touch and catch up on Vimeo.  
gill@fremantle.org



## Gardenrose

Maybole's Artist in Residence, Cait Ross, joined the Gardenrose Primary 5 class for a lesson exploring typography and printmaking. Cait is working with townspeople to investigate Maybole's past, present and look to the future of its new community campus. Together, the children and artist created flags for Maybole's Heritage Day, using fabric pens and stencil printmaking. "I love art and had fun making my flag," said P5 pupil Holly.

The two-year-olds at Gardenrose EYC have been learning about germination and different parts of a plant. They grew some beans in a ziplock bag and were able to look at the seed, roots and leaves and talk about what plants need to grow. They have also been looking at lots of different minibeasts and especially enjoyed listening to The Very Hungry Caterpillar story. They made their own hungry caterpillar and butterfly pictures for the window display and even have their own real caterpillars to look after until they turn into butterflies.



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# Maidens Taster Sessions!



Maidens Community Association are pleased to roll out a selection of 'taster' sessions that were chosen from a door-to-door poll at Maidens. The funding was granted to us through VASA but given from the Scottish Government.

On offer are: • Outdoor Fitness camp • Yoga • Tai Chi

These sessions are proving to be incredibly popular, so much so that all the classes for the moment are full. We hope that there is enough interest that these classes can run in the long term to allow the villagers a variety of activities throughout the year. We hope this will promote integration back into the

community as well as a healthier lifestyle, and the chance to make a couple of new friends along the way too!

If you would like to find out more please email:  
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## Dunure/Fisherton

CRF2 funds were shared out with all groups in Dunure/Fisherton. We paid hall fees for six months for user groups that use the Kennedy Hall. We paid for all senior citizens 70 years and over to a lunch in the Anchorage, Dunure.

The labyrinth got three-ton slates from local farmer (Alan Currie) and helpers assisted with distributing them around the labyrinth. Community effort!

The toddler group had a trip to soft play at Gemmells, the toddler group had trip to farm park and all older children had trip to Edinburgh Zoo. The art class, gardening club, craft group, church music group youth club, book club have all bought equipment and supplies to enhance there clubs

There is also a food bank collection every two weeks on a Saturday between 11am and 12 noon. The Friendship club meets every two weeks in Fisherton Church. The next meeting in June will be a musical quiz. Book club also meets in the church once a month.





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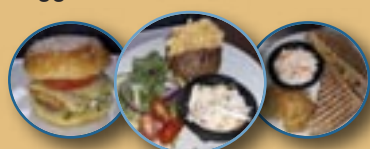
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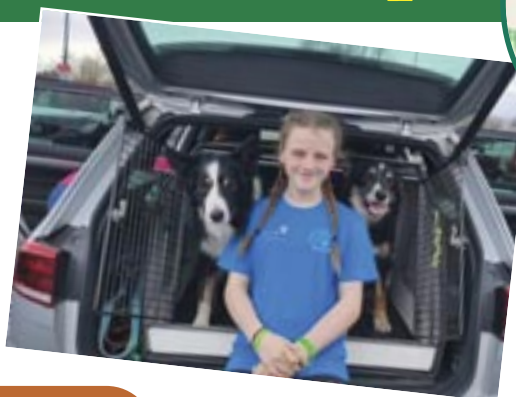
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# Lucy Smith – Crufts Champ!



Local lass, Lucy Smith, recently competed at Crufts and gained a first and second in agility!

Crufts - organised and hosted by The Kennel Club - is the largest show of its kind in the world. As well as being a breed show, there are competitions in dog agility, obedience, flyball and heel work to music. The YKC (Young Kennel Club) is for dog lovers aged 6-24 years and provides competitions, dog training and fun activities for kids.

Lucy Smith is a Primary 7 pupil at Kirkmichael Primary and, following in the footsteps of her gran and her mum, has developed a keen interest in dog agility. It's a long trip from Kirkmichael to the NEC in Birmingham, but it was all made worthwhile this year when Lucy came home with a first and second prize!

She won first place with her dog 'Archie' (Gaunersel Dont Look Back) in the YKC U12 jumping competition and was second in the 12-17 Pairs competition with her gran's dog 'Alf'. During lockdown all agility competitions were cancelled so Archie qualified for Crufts at only his second competition in September

2021, and Crufts was his third show ever!

Archie was a surprise birthday present for Lucy on her ninth birthday. She had been helping to look after a litter of eight pups but had no idea that one of them - who just happened to be her favourite - was staying in Kirkmichael.

This was Lucy's third visit to Crufts, and in 2020 - just before lockdown - she won a first place with Alf and her partner Cerys in the pair's competition. Competing at Crufts is a wonderful experience, which Lucy hopes to repeat next year!

*Liz Bryden*



## The Parish of Our Lady and St Cuthbert

**The Parish of Our Lady and St Cuthbert now has a replacement for Canon John Magee.**

*Our photo shows Fr Benjamin Mkeri CSSp, the new Parish Administrator, being welcomed by members of the Parish Pastoral Council.*

He told Marguerite Hunter Blair, Chair of the Parish Pastoral Council, "I love the people in Maybole, they are so friendly and kind to me. I am enjoying the walking football and would like to be able to play some badminton too. I look forward to meeting lots more people from North Carrick over the summer, My ministry is founded in the spirit of One Heart and One Mind and, as the bible observes, let us not give up the habit of meeting together...let us encourage one another all the more."



Fr Benjamin has been a priest in the religious order of the Congregation of the Holy Spirit and of the Immaculate Heart of Mary for 16 years with 14 of these spent in the Philippines. He is one of eight children and last year he was delighted to be able to take a trip home to visit his Mum and family in their hometown of Gboko in Nigeria.



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## The Maybole branch of the Royal British Legion Scotland

The Maybole branch of the Royal British Legion Scotland celebrated a special occasion at their March meeting.

The Lord Lieutenant of Ayrshire and Arran, Iona McDonald OBE, made the presentation to Mrs Lorna Conaghan and Mr Richie Conaghan for the work done in setting up and investigating information for the Girvan and District Great War Project and the virtual 75th VE Day celebration.

They are involved in the work with the wildflower meadow at Hamilton Park in Girvan and there are many other projects to which they commit much of their time, despite having full time jobs.

*Margaret Davidson*



## Lockdown Legend award

At North Carrick's Brownies and Guides Taster Session, Claire Bryan got a surprise award from County Commissioner Fiona Robertson. Claire received the Scottish Chief Commissioner's Lockdown Legend award for all her hard work during lockdown.

*well done, Claire*

## Robert the Bruce in North Carrick

In just two years' time North Carrick will celebrate the 750th Anniversary of the birth of Robert the Bruce, Earl of Carrick, and King of Scotland from 1306 until his death in 1329.

Carrick is at the heart of King Robert's roots, where he grew up, and where he returned to reclaim the kingdom. He would have been very familiar with Maybole and places like Crossraguel Abbey; Kirkoswald Old Church, which holds the font in which King Robert was said to have been baptised; Turnberry Castle, where he was born on 11th July 1274, and Maidens, where he landed in 1307 when he returned to take back his kingdom.

Work is being done in NCCBC's Foundations for Recovery programme to plan for events to celebrate these local connections in 2023. Those will be followed by a big Festival of Robert the Bruce in 2024.

There is also a proposal to install a large, nationally significant statue as a new visitor attraction in North Carrick. All in all, this should give a huge boost to tourism in North Carrick.



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# Crosshill Primary School

"We loved working with Scott Nicol on our song 'Smile Forever'. We would love to work with him again. We had him with us for four sessions and it was really fun. He is really good at teaching us and great at guitar! The song we composed is about kindness and not giving up. We enjoyed learning how to write songs and enjoyed our recording session with Ian to make the track sound amazing. Our group is called 'Cross Crew Mania', listen out for us on Spotify and West FM!"

*Hope Kerr, P6, Crosshill Primary School*



## Class 1 at Crosshill Primary School

Class 1 at Crosshill Primary School have been having fun using line to capture interesting effects and shape and have been drawing self-portraits. As well as talking about how we all look on the outside, we have been saying kind words and phrases to each other to

explain how our friends are also beautiful on the inside. This term, the nicer weather has meant we are able to enjoy our lovely outdoors even more. We have been designing and building 'bird's nests' in teams, we choose P.E. outdoors every time!



**The children at Crosshill Early Years have been introduced to the "Play on Pedals" programme this term**

This programme links into the national 'Bikeability Scotland' training programme. The 'POP' programme teaches pre-school children about the parts of a bike, how to fit a helmet correctly and the basics of looking after their bikes. Through a series of fun and imaginative activities, they will be helped to develop their balance and control skills, often using a pedal-less balance bike. Play on Pedals has strong links to the Curriculum for Excellence.

To kick start our programme, children were firstly introduced to the game "Walk the plank" developing their balance skills. Children also learned how to safely put on a helmet independently. In the coming weeks, children will be developing skills such as braking, control and steering, gliding and judging distance, mounting and dismounting, pedalling and observation through a series of games and experiences.





## Carrick Academy offer support for the Ukrainian Refugee Crisis

Just over £500 was raised by pupils, parents and staff who took part in the 'Walk and Give for Ukraine'. The event was organised by the school's Interact Club and supported by Alloway Rotary Club's President, Bill Grant, and school liaison officer Wallace Galbraith. Pupils enjoyed five laps around the school's new astro-turf on a cold, crisp, but sunny day. Funds raised will go to support Ukrainian refugees fleeing the conflict in their homeland.

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# Laying the Foundations



Work is well underway in NCCBC's £0.5m Foundations for Recovery programme, which is funded mainly by the UK Government through the UK Community Renewal Fund. It's an ambitious programme and NCCBC is aware that not all of the activities will lead to successful projects. However, there is no doubt that North Carrick will be improved because of this programme.

*Activities are being covered in three main packages:*

## **Celebrating our Heritage and Culture**

- Scoping study and design of a competition for a Public Arts Trail with artworks in every community that wants to be involved
- Scoping study, public consultation, feasibility study, and costing for a nationally significant visitor attraction with the potential to spark the growth of a rural retail park
- Laying foundations for series of events in 2024 celebrating the 750th Anniversary of Robert the Bruce's birth
- Augmented Reality tours and trails – focused on e.g. Robert Burns, History of Bootmaking, Weaving, the Kennedy family, local food including Ayrshire lamb and the Ayrshire Epicure potato
- Maybole – scoping study for Castle as Heritage Hub and eco-museum location
- Active Travel – E-bikes and E-quads for hire and for use in on-farm and other micro-businesses offering off-road guided tours
- Walking and Cycling Routes, and Boat Tours – showcasing the area's biodiversity, beautiful countryside, and coast, and the SSSI bird sanctuary of Ailsa Craig
- Market research, technical studies, business planning, and design of interpretation for a Community Heritage Centre in Dunure
- Market research and business planning for farm diversification including on-farm visitor activities

## **Developing local assets**

- Dunure – Harbour, Light Tower, and Castle –

Surveys and design work: Archaeological, Ecological, Digital 3D Topological, Structural Civil Engineering, Architects; Planning Applications; Funding Applications

- Dunure – Community Heritage Centre – Design Team to end of RIBA Stage 3
- Maidens Harbour – Masterplan - Research markets and activities, design team to end of RIBA Stage 2, technical studies, costed conditions survey
- Public Toilets – Mapping exercise, technical studies, market research and business plan, RIBA stage 2 drawings - QS costed
- Community Sport – Facilities audit, gap analysis, exploration of innovative uses/new ways to organise and manage
- Community Assets – Mapping assets, feasibility studies into around six priority assets

## **Improving skills and job opportunities**

- Private and Third Sector Training – Customer care, local knowledge, civic pride, enterprise skills
- Engagement Strategy – Creatives-based design of community engagement techniques to increase local involvement
- Farm Diversification - Engaging with farmers and landowners, market research and business planning
- Rural Skills - Entry level qualifications in e.g. brush cutter, chainsaw

Find out more or get involved by contacting NCCBC at <https://nccbc.org.uk/contactus/> or [stuart@nccbc.org.uk](mailto:stuart@nccbc.org.uk)



## South Ayrshire Council's new Provost is Maybole resident, Cllr Iain Campbell

Provost Campbell was born in Ayrshire and attended local school Newtonhead Primary, followed by Ayr Academy. His family is from the Isle of Lewis and in his younger years he worked in the fishing industry in Stornoway, spending his summers on Lewis. He then moved into a career in business development in the oil industry where he spent 30 years working in a variety of countries in Asia and the Middle East including Russia; Kazakhstan; Turkmenistan; Singapore; Malaysia and Indonesia. He has been married to his wife Andrea for 40 years. They have two sons and both joined the Merchant Navy after attending Gardenrose Primary School and Carrick Academy in Maybole.

He has lived in North Carrick for 37 years and was elected as a councillor for Maybole, North Carrick and Coylton the year after he retired. He thoroughly enjoys helping his local community and being a spokesperson for the area in his role as a Councillor. He has a great fondness of Dunure and has real plans to bring investment into the village to improve it as a tourist destination. In his spare time, he loves to fish, owns a boat in Dunure harbour and enjoys attending concerts and watching live music.



The Provost told us, "It is my great honour and privilege to be chosen by my colleagues as Provost of South Ayrshire and I'm looking forward to carrying out a variety of duties in the community over the next five years.

"As you may know, this is my second term as a councillor and I'm really pleased to be able to continue with my constituency work alongside a civic role and deliver for the people of Maybole, North Carrick and Coylton. We have many plans in place for our local area, such as development plans for the village of Dunure, and a Community Garden in Coylton amongst many others which I look forward to seeing coming to fruition. I'm committed to promoting South Ayrshire as the best destination in the area for events and inward investment, while also making it the best place for people to live, work and visit."



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## North Carrick E-bikes have arrived

In a project led by South Ayrshire Community Transport, 12 E-bikes, which have been funded by North Carrick Community Benefit Company and Energy Saving Trust Scotland, have arrived in Maybole. The E-bikes are available to hire for up to four weeks at minimal cost.



The environmental benefits of the E-bikes include lower emissions and noise pollution which are accompanied by the significant physical and health benefits of cycling as well as being outdoors. The E-bikes provide assisted cycling (especially on the hills), which opens cycling and physical activity to individuals who, due to conditions such as arthritis, heart and lung conditions and injury, are unable to cope with a standard bicycle, as well as those who are just looking for little bit of assistance when cycling.

**The E-Bikes are based at the Carrick Centre. Pick-up times are on Monday and Friday between 10am-2pm.**

If you require further information, contact John at South Ayrshire Community Transport at [ebikes@sacommunitytransport.org](mailto:ebikes@sacommunitytransport.org) or on **01292 270864**.



## MAYBOLE RUNNERS



Following a query on Facebook by Beka Hollywood, Maybole Runners was born. Kenny Mackay

offered to lead a trail running group and an intermediate group and Arlene Wallace, a beginners' running group.

The runners are now entering local races and take part in Girvan Parkrun. They wear Maybole Runners T-shirts and vests featuring Maybole Castle as part of the logo designed by local girl Kate Fleming, whose mum is a runner.

Meeting at the Greenside, there are currently three groups: Tuesday night intermediate group - which suits the more experienced faster paced runner; Wednesday night 'easy company' group - a more gentle-paced run suitable for a range of abilities; Thursday night trail run group with some challenging routes around the local area. Anyone joining will be made very welcome and should contact Kenny, Arlene or Beka via the Maybole Runners Facebook page for further information.



## Team Minihiill!

On Friday 6th May, P7 pupils attended the Eric McCrindle football tournament. Minishant Primary and Crosshill Primary joined forces to play together, becoming team Minihiill! After a warmup, we were match ready and raring to go! In our first game we played Kirkmichael which proved to be a great challenge, as they kept us on our toes. We didn't let this dampen our spirits as we bounced back to play Maidens! Unfortunately, we didn't lift the trophy this year, but we had lots of fun! Congratulations to Maidens and Fisherton who won this year's tournament.

The next Board meeting of NCCBC will be held on **10th November 2022**

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# Maidens Primary

## Lest We Forget

On Friday 18th March 2022, we were fortunate enough to receive a visit from Poppy Scotland's 'Poppy Bud'. 'Bud' is an 18-tonne truck that transformed into a mobile exploration and learning space! On board it had a mini poppy factory, micro-museum and interactive learning space to help us learn and understand about what the poppy stands for and the significance of remembrance.



## P 1-3 News

P1-3 are really enjoying our current Talk for Writing book 'Meerkat Mail'. We have completed lots of interesting work across the curriculum using this book and we are now a class of meerkat lovers!

Our new topic is Farming, and the children are learning about the jobs on farms, where food comes from and, of course, farm machinery. We are in the process of trying to organise a farm visit before the summer holidays and are keeping our fingers crossed! Finally, we are still completing our RSPB Wild Challenges. Recently we completed the 'Look Closer' challenge and are now only one activity away from achieving our silver award.



## P 4/5 News

### Outdoor Learning

As part of their 'Seashore' topic, the Primary 4/5 pupils have visited many of the beaches around Maidens and Culzean. During one lesson they were tasked with building a structure using sand and loose natural parts which can be found along the shoreline. One group built a whole town of sand and another a Viking fortress. We even had a sea monster that was built in the water! We were very lucky with our weather and had a very enjoyable and constructive afternoon.



## P 6/7 News

### Dolphin House

In March, Primary 6/7 had their residential trip to Dolphin House at Culzean. Our trip was filled with lots of outdoor activities including caving, orienteering, den building, archery, and rock pooling. We also took part in a whole day hill climbing expedition to Cornish Hill. Pupils also enjoyed learning some new life skills such as making their beds! A fun week full of laughter, learning and embracing new things was had by all. As part of their John Muir Award, P6/7 pupils shared their experiences of the trip with the whole school at assembly.



## Early Years Centre News

The children have been busy learning to gain an understanding of how things grow and develop by planting a variety of vegetable seeds within our vegetable patch, helping to care for them by watering them. They have gained an awareness of animal habitats through making Lady Bird houses using a real hand drill to drill holes into small logs and through painting pictures of real flowers they have been developing their knowledge of the parts of a flower.





## Maybole Regeneration Update

The Regeneration Project are pleased to advise that the Maybole Town Hall conservation scheme construction phase began on Monday 23rd May with a duration of up to nine months.



A special thank you to the Town Hall funders - Historic Environment Scotland, Heritage Lottery, the Scottish Government, NCCBC and South Ayrshire Council. The scheme will conserve and preserve the building while making it more attractive to a wide range of users. The car park and the community garden will close for the duration of the works with car parking used for site storage and facilities with appropriate fencing installed. Footpaths will remain open as will the Dunlop Terrace steps. I recognise how disruptive this will be and our apologies if you have to change your parking plans for the duration of the scheme. Our contractor, Procast, is now on site.

This summer will see a range of regeneration projects start in the High Street including the Maybole Charity Shop scheme which will begin shortly. The team will be based in the Town Hall please do get in touch by private message or call us on **01655 884 865**.

Planning permission has also been granted for shop-front improvement schemes on a wide number of shops on the High Street (and on School Vennel) via South Ayrshire and the Scottish Government's Ambitions scheme. Business owners will now be looking to contractors to undertake the work. As many will be aware, the construction sector is experiencing massive pressures from multiple angles with costs escalating at a worrying rate, so it is a challenging time for many. If you are a local construction company, get in touch and we can connect you to business owners looking to improve their units!

Get in touch:

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Girlguiding Ayrshire South are pleased to say that most of our units are back up and running after Covid-19 restrictions. It's great to see so many new

faces in all sections. To enable us to provide girls with unique opportunities, we need new volunteers!

Roles vary from helping with unit paperwork to opening a new unit and lots in-between. If you think you would like to be part of Girlguiding then please get in touch at [growthcoordinator@girlguidingayrshiresouth.org.uk](mailto:growthcoordinator@girlguidingayrshiresouth.org.uk)

## Gardenrose Primary 7s Sponsored Walk

P7 took on the challenge of walking 10km in the rain and wind from Gardenrose Primary to the top of Kildoon Hill. They managed the walk in less than three hours and raised £600 for school yearbooks and Leavers Celebrations. It was so windy at the top, that they nearly got blown away! Staff and pupils would like to thank everyone who donated and shared their Just Giving page.



## Gardenrose new Primary 1s are ready to start Big School

Our new P1 pupils are beginning their transition from the EYC to the P1 classroom. We have started taking part in activities with the current P1 children and our new P1 teachers.



## Vandalism at Gardenrose Primary's Forest School

Gardenrose pupils designed anti-vandalism posters to deter people from vandalising their Forest School area. A design from each year group was chosen. The selected posters have been laminated and displayed around the school and the Forest School area. Children who had their design chosen were treated to an afternoon in the Forest where they explored and developed their skills, with some hot chocolate and marshmallows to finish. Well done to all of our pupils who entered and helped us to spread awareness.



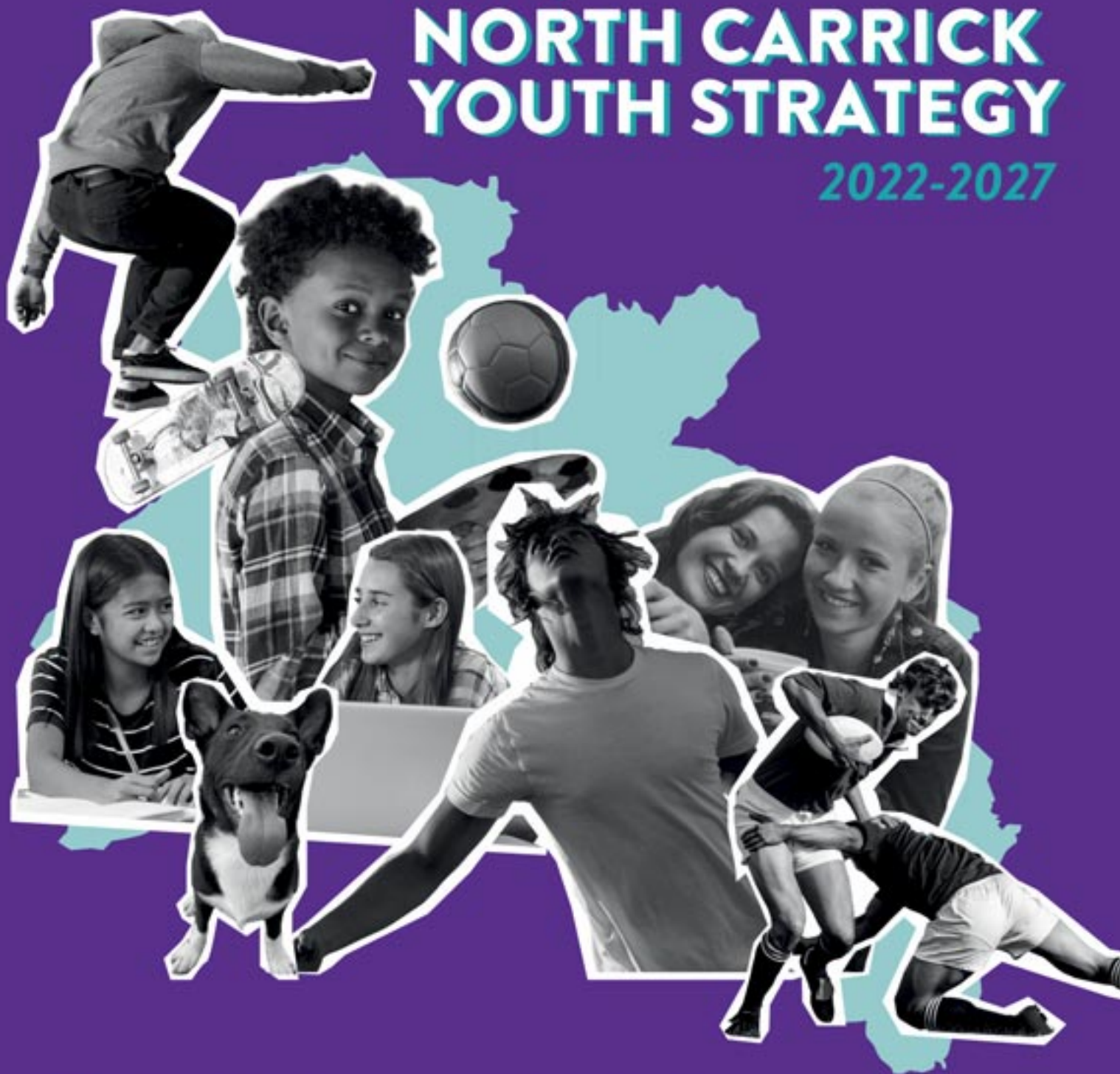
**All of the pupils are enjoying these activities and are eager to start their P1 journey!**



Summary

# NORTH CARRICK YOUTH STRATEGY

2022-2027



“

Every child and young person aged 6-16 years should have opportunities to fulfil their potential and become happy, safe, successful, healthy and active individuals living in North Carrick.

”



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# What Young People Aspire To:

## Projects for a connected and interactive community for young people:

1. Development of the North Carrick Development Trust, an independent youth-led organisation involving an appointed Youth Chairperson and local Youth Advisors to lead and coordinate strategy activity
2. A North Carrick Youth Chair's Fund supporting exciting projects for young people e.g. celebrations, trips and equipment
3. North Carrick Festival - an annual celebration of the contributions children and young people make to North Carrick through volunteering, peer education, campaigning, fundraising and more
4. Youth work programmes and training to support young people to become future volunteers, coaches and leaders

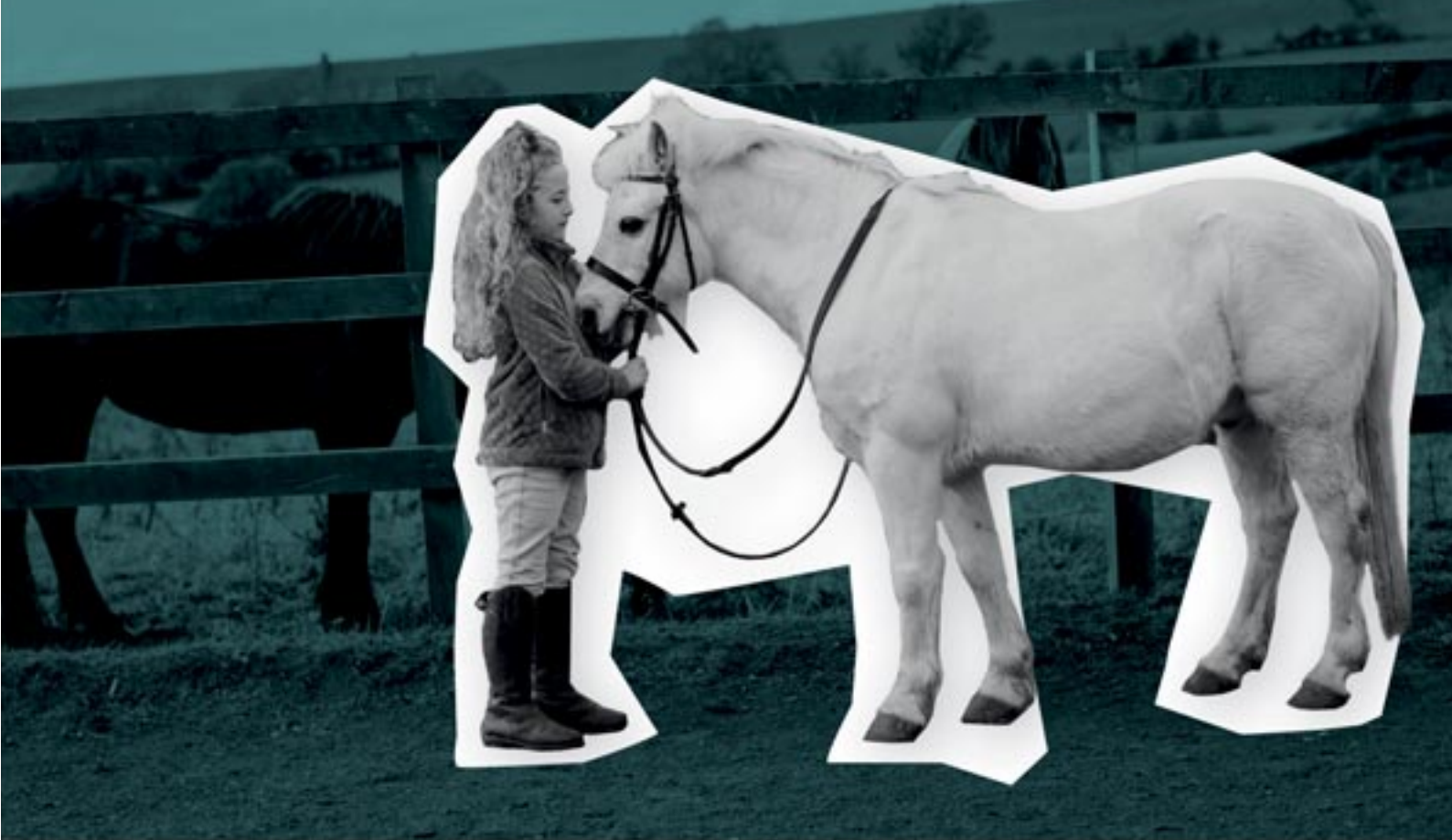
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## Youth-led projects for making the most of the natural environment:

1. Support for youth social action projects to address issues important to young people
  2. A "Club" for social action – a space for young leaders and volunteers to develop skills, support each other and lead their own projects, events and campaigns
  3. Improved informal outdoor activity e.g. football nets, kick wall, accessible bike and wheel tracks, nature swings, top walks, treasure trail paths
  4. Activities and projects to help the environment and provide young people with new skills, knowledge and experience, and improve mental health
  5. Attract and establish new businesses to the area to deliver affordable outdoor pursuit activities
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### Projects for healthy, vibrant and positive communities for young people:

1. Safe outdoor shelters or “hang out” spaces or “safe den” in each of the North Carrick communities
2. Improve the Maybole Skate Park
3. Build on the Mental Health Project “Place 2 Be” to offer a wide range of health and information services throughout North Carrick
4. Explore the feasibility of a pop-up mobile “Ice cream/Barista”, to provide training and employment opportunities for young people
5. Affordable and accessible community events for young people and families in community parks and public spaces throughout North Carrick
6. Supporting young people to socialise in their own communities and to travel to other communities to connect with their friends
7. Summer and winter local events featuring a range of attractions
8. Rural Youth Project Smart Village (a hyper-connected online platform) which will enable young people to work and learn collaboratively
9. Informal and formal activities and sporting tournaments
10. Coaching pathways to recruit, train and support new volunteer coaches for existing organisations

The North Carrick Youth Strategy is an exciting opportunity to respond to the many challenges faced by children and young people aged 6-16 years in North Carrick and to make the area an even better place to live so that every child and young person can fulfil their potential.

Through genuine co-operation and collaboration, this strategy sets out a vision, projects and activities which are underpinned by clear values and principles.

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## GET INVOLVED!

This plan has been created by young people for young people, and the communities where they live

– anyone can get involved or deliver any of the ideas and projects in the plan, or if you have other ideas for the future of North Carrick, then please get in touch with:

**CLAIRE BRYAN, NORTH CARRICK COMMUNITY BENEFIT COMPANY**

**Email:** [claire@nccbc.org.uk](mailto:claire@nccbc.org.uk)

Or you can read the full Strategy at: <https://nccbc.org.uk/youth-strategy/>

Many thanks to all the young people, organisations, groups, businesses, stakeholders and individuals who contributed to the production of this North Carrick Youth Strategy.





## Relaunch of the “Carrick Maid”

The Carrick Maid (one of the skiffs owned and built by Carrick Coastal Rowing Club) was relaunched after a face lift on 14th May and the same lady relaunched her 10 years on!



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## Straiton and Kirkmichael Primary Schools

### Kirkmichael PS Cooking Club

Primary 1 - 4 pupils at Kirkmichael Primary have been taking part in Cooking Club during term four on Thursday afternoons after school. The pupils are preparing healthy three course meals from scratch using lots of fresh produce, whilst considering food allergies such as lactose intolerance.



### Straiton PS Balbeg Visit

The children were kindly invited to Balbeg Estate by Andrew Sinclair to help with the planting of a variety of Rowan trees. The children had a fantastic time planting the saplings and encountering some fabulous wildlife at the same time! A big thank you to all at Balbeg for a great day!



### Straiton PS Raft Building

Straiton pupils had great fun learning to make and test a raft using clove hitch knots and lashing during a recent outdoor day. The children continue to do outdoor learning days every week!

### Straiton and Kirkmichael PS STEM Week

In March this year, the children at both Straiton and

Kirkmichael Primary Schools had the opportunity to participate in Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) week. This year, the focus was on engineering.



STEM Ambassadors from South Ayrshire Council, Spirit AeroSystems, Heriot Watt University and Waterman Aspen led the children through several exciting engineering activities which saw the children designing, building, and testing bridges, lollipop and clothes peg towers, paper marble runs and futuristic aircraft. The aircraft were constructed using recyclable materials and Kirkmichael pupils voted for their favourite design. The Incredible Engineers were the lucky winners with their vertical take-off and landing design, High Tec. A huge thanks to all the STEM Ambassadors, pupils, parents and staff for their time, efforts, recyclable donations, and enthusiasm.

The following week, the children of Straiton Primary were very lucky to be visited in person by Ross Allan, a Stress Engineer who works at BAE Systems, Prestwick. Ross challenged the children to design and create something to protect an egg when it is dropped from a height – the children had great fun building and testing the creations.



# Easter Bunnies

Residents and visitors in and around the villages of Kirkoswald, Maidens and Turnberry were delighted to see the return of the Easter Bunnies, hopping around with their baskets of crème eggs.

The bunnies visited the residents of Malin Court before hopping off to Kirkoswald, Maidens and Turnberry to deliver their Easter Eggs.

Lot of giggles, shenanigans and chocolate eggs were shared around, resulting in many happy, smiling faces!



Easter bunnies at Malin Court



Easter bunnies in Kirkoswald

Volunteers delivering Easter eggs around Maidens



Volunteers delivering Easter eggs around Kirkoswald



During the month of March, KMT Volunteers worked alongside the pupils of Maidens Primary School and other groups and members of the community on a number of activities in preparation for Easter including painting Easter-themed kindness rocks, making Easter bonnets, preparing random act of kindness cards, Easter bunting and Easter wreaths.

Thanks must go to a number of local businesses and individuals who supported the project including Morrisons Ayr, Elsay May Luxury Lodges and the Covid Recovery Fund and special mention must go to all the volunteers who were involved in delivering Easter eggs around the villages.

KMT Volunteers work quietly throughout the year raising funds to support their activities within the communities of Kirkoswald, Maidens and Turnberry.

For more information please contact [KMTvolunteers@gmail.com](mailto:KMTvolunteers@gmail.com)



Easter bunnies with helpers in Maidens



Easter bunnies with visitors in Maidens



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# St Oswald's Church Fundraiser for Ukraine

Members of St Oswald's Church were delighted to welcome Maybole Concert Party to perform a charity concert for Ukraine in April. Tickets for the concert sold out in less than a week and the church was full on the night.

The Concert Party were in good voice and performed a range of well-known hits, including 'Take me home country roads', 'Walking back to happiness' and finishing with 'Skyfall'.

Following the concert, guests enjoyed refreshments and a large spread of cakes and baked goods that had been prepared by members of the concert party and St Oswald's congregation.

The concert was performed to support Ukrainian refugees through the UNHCR (United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees) which is the UN's Refugee Agency. An impressive total of £1,547 was raised through the generosity of those who attended. This includes ticket sales, donations on the night and a £500 donation from William Grant and Sons at Girvan Distillery.





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# NCCBC Assistant Manager Update

I have been keeping very busy since the last edition of the newsletter – supporting all NCCBC's projects across North Carrick.

As well as administrating our main NCCBC fund I have also organised the post-Covid recovery funding to local youth groups and organisations – we can't wait to hear about the projects that will benefit from this funding!

## Foundations for Recovery

I have been working mainly with Paul McColgan and the teams at Community Enterprise and CEIS



providing support for their activities including arranging meetings and organising our Roadshows – these will start in June and will allow us to share all the findings with the communities and get more feedback and ideas! Scan the QR code to see the roadshow content online!



I have also been asked to find young people to take part in the VR project relating to Maybole Castle. If you know any young people interested in virtual or augmented reality, please do get in touch! – [claire@nccbc.org.uk](mailto:claire@nccbc.org.uk)

## Tourism

NorthCarrick.com continues to grow gradually and I have been working with Carrick History Society to improve our history page! The focus now is on attracting accommodation providers to take a free listing before the summer season, alongside continuing to engage with Scotland Loves Local and other initiatives.

## Napier University DLP Course!

I have now completed the DLP Destination Development Course with Napier University; my group presentation and report has been awarded a grade A! I was invited to the Craiglockhart Campus for a graduation ceremony on 19th May. The course has been extremely useful, and I have made lots of connections in tourism sectors across Scotland that will be useful for developing tourism in our area through the Foundations for Recovery project.



Claire Bryan

## NCCBC Promotions and Awareness

I took a stall for NCCBC and NorthCarrick.com at Maybole Heritage Day on 14th May. It was a great day with lovely weather and a chance to talk about what we have been up to. I had lots of goodies to give out and we also had a kid's craft – making paper windmills!

If you haven't already, please do engage with our social media channels on Facebook and Instagram - @ImprovingNC

*Claire Bryan, NCCBC Assistant Manager, May 2022*

## How would you spend £10,000 to improve your community?

**It's not an idle question – there really is that amount of money available to each of the eight villages in North Carrick (and £20,000 available to Maybole).**

NCCBC set up this new way of funding small local projects in 2020 and allocated £5,000 to each of the villages, and £10,000 to Maybole. As with so many things, Covid caused delays in choosing which projects to implement and then more delays in actually doing the projects in some of the communities. To speed up delivery of local projects, NCCBC Directors have combined the second and third rounds of Community-led Projects Funding into this new round. All projects will have to be completed and reported back to NCCBC by **May 2023**. If you have ideas for improving your village, contact a Community Councillor or one of the NCCBC Directors or contact [stuart@nccbc.org.uk](mailto:stuart@nccbc.org.uk) to find out more. You can help to decide how to spend the £10,000 that is available to every village in North Carrick.





# Easter in Crosshill

The kind residents of Crosshill organised a family stone hunt in the village on Easter Weekend. Families were encouraged to search around the village in the hunt for painted stones.

Many families took part, and the response was great.

It was great to see so many children out exploring the village and getting involved. The children that took part were rewarded with an Easter Egg from the Easter bunny. A great weekend was had by all and special thanks to the special 'Easter Bunny' who arranged this again.

The Village of Crosshill is also planning a family fun day in celebration of the Queens Jubilee on Saturday 4th June at the Bowling and Social Club. The event will take place and will include bouncy castles, kids' games, BBQ and much more.

The posters for these events can be found on the What's On page of **NorthCarrick.com**.





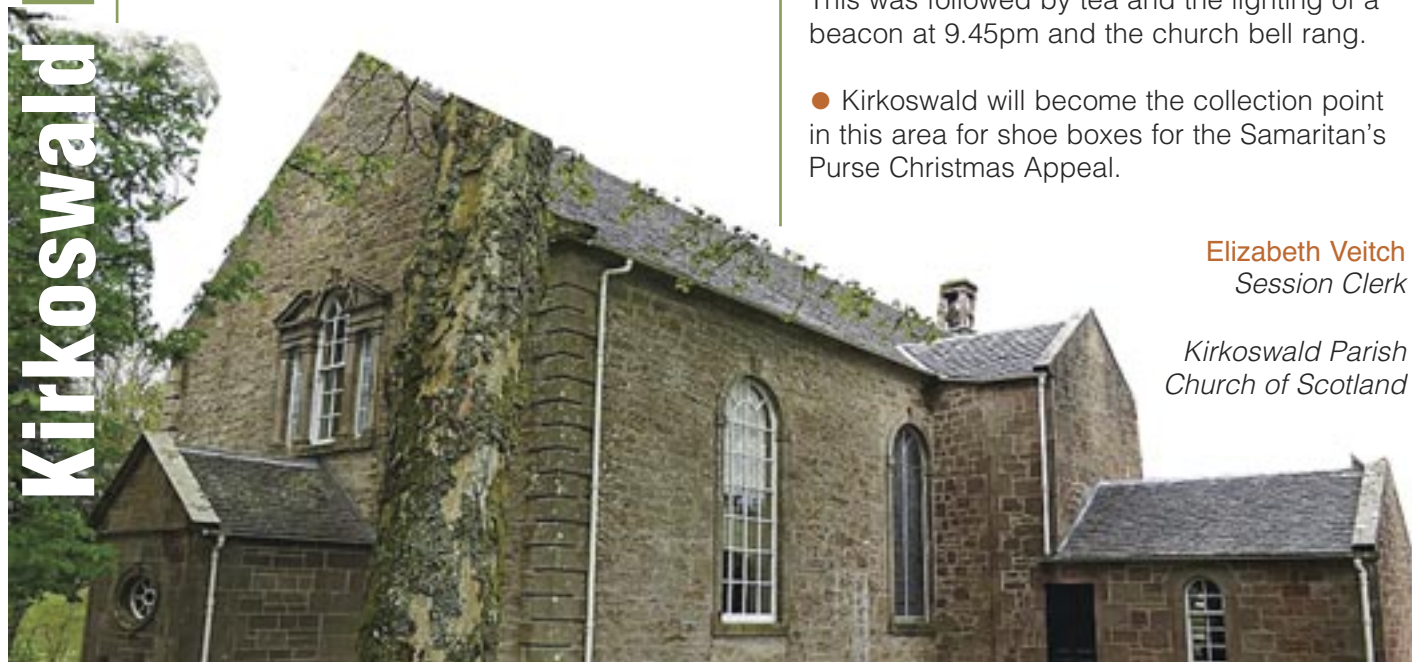
# Kirkoswald Parish Church

- Rev Dr David Hume, our Interim Moderator and locum, has decided to give up this post at the end of July due to other work commitments. He will be sorely missed and again we await Ayr Presbytery appointing a new Interim Moderator.
- Church services are at 11.15am each Sunday and we have had lovely services taken by different ministers and Fisherton Worship Team. Please come along and check us out, we would be pleased to see you. There is tea after the service on the first Sunday in the month.
- A retiring collection in February for the Red Cross Ukrainian Appeal raised £500.

- The Guild held a Daffodil Tea in April, Hugh and Friends entertained and a lovely tea was served, £100 was donated to the Hungarian Church's Ukrainian Refugee Appeal.
- Kirkoswald Lunch Club restarted in April, meeting on the first Wednesday of the month from 12 noon until 1.30pm, please come along to Kirkoswald Church Hall and bring your friends.
- A social evening to celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee was held on Thursday 2nd June at in Kirkoswald Church Hall. Donations on the night were for the Hungarian Church's Ukrainian Refugee Appeal and Maybole Concert Party provided the entertainment. This was followed by tea and the lighting of a beacon at 9.45pm and the church bell rang.
- Kirkoswald will become the collection point in this area for shoe boxes for the Samaritan's Purse Christmas Appeal.

**Elizabeth Veitch**  
Session Clerk

*Kirkoswald Parish  
Church of Scotland*



## Paralympian Visit to Minishant PS

We were delighted to welcome Callum Deboys to our assembly.



Callum is a Great British Paralympic from South Ayrshire. He joined our assembly to share with us his courageous journey. He told us all about his life-changing accident and talked us through his recovery and his amazing Paralympics in Beijing. It was such an inspiring morning and made us grateful for all the wonderful things we have in our lives. After Callum visited us, we made inspirational quote posters to display around the school.



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# St Cuthbert's PS



P1/2/3 have loved attending Maybole Library, on a Monday afternoon and a huge Thankyou to the staff who have looked after us so well. We really enjoyed our party!

Congratulations to Alfie, Amy, Matthew, Emily, Violet and Blake who were baptised by Fr Benjamin at Our Lady and St Cuthbert's Parish Church.



*We were delighted to be able to finally go on a whole School Trip again and returned to the Glasgow Science Centre, where a great time was had by all.*

**We have loved all our outdoor activities on a Friday with Little Acorns - lots of new skills learned and yummy smores eaten!**



Congratulations to our P3 pupils, who made their Sacrament of Reconciliation at Our Lady and St Cuthbert's Parish Church.

We held our annual Daffodil Tea to raise much-needed funds for Marie Curie Cancer Care and the British Red Cross. Thanks to all who came and supported this wonderful event.



**Well done to Jude, who completed the Kilt walk!**



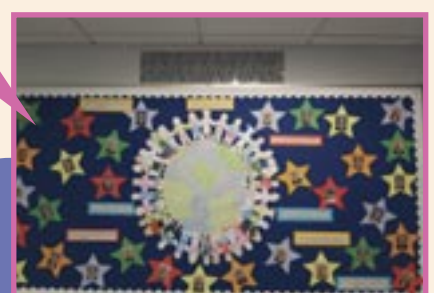
**We are delighted to share that, as a result of much hard work, we have been awarded our Rights Respecting School Award. Congratulations to all the Pupils and Staff, especially Ms Melody, for all their hard work.**



A huge congratulations to Noah on the celebration of his Sacrament of Confirmation at St Margaret's Cathedral in Ayr.



**We loved our Easter goodies and hope everyone had a wonderful holiday!**



# A BIG SPRING FORWARD!

The Carrick Community Food Garden (CCFG) has come on in leaps and bounds over the last few months, due as always to the efforts of our community volunteers and partners. In particular, the youngsters working with South Ayrshire Council's Ayr Town Centre Team, under the leadership of Graeme and Daniel, have done sterling work in the garden this Spring. However, they now have some friendly competition with the start of a new group from SAC's Employability and Skills programme which started work in the garden this May!

A lot of work has been completed so far this year which has made a huge difference to the appearance of the garden, and which will make it much more productive as well. Some of the major tasks accomplished since the last update include: Laying out of footpaths; clearing and preparation of the area around the fruit trees; sowing with wildflower seeds to form a mini wildflower meadow. Progress on the quiet corner of the garden with the creation of an entrance archway from living trees; the sinking of the garden pond (which now has its first tadpole inhabitants) and the further development of the cut-flower bed.

Levelling of the polytunnel area and completion of the frame; the polytunnel is now nearly complete with only the roof to go on to bring it into use. On the food production side, maincrop potatoes, onions and broad beans are all well-established, and carrots, broccoli, beetroot, cabbage and others are all making a strong showing. The soft fruit enclosure is blossoming with promises of a bumper crop, and the herb garden is now also thriving.

## SUMMER ACTIVITIES

We have a large variety of tasks planned for this Summer and plenty of opportunities for you to get involved, whether you are a gardener or just willing to muck in and help. Key tasks for the next few months will include: Roofing the polytunnel and fitting out the interior; building several cold frames; erecting the garden shed that was kindly donated to us by Allan and Mhairi McMillan; completing footpaths; landscaping and planting the quiet corner; laying hardcore and gravel in various areas of the garden.

Also planned for this Summer is our first CCFG Open Day on 30th July from 11am till 1pm. This is the perfect chance to come along and have a look-see and to find out more about what we do and the different groups we support in the community. Keep an eye on our Facebook page for more details and look out for our publicity nearer the date.

## YOUR COMMUNITY GARDEN NEEDS YOU!



All the planned work for this Summer, as well as the ongoing garden planting and maintenance tasks, needs volunteers willing and able to get stuck in. Keen gardeners are always welcome, but we welcome anyone with practical skills or lots of enthusiasm who is willing to lend a hand.

If you want to volunteer, donate or just learn more about the CCFG then you can contact us by coming along to the garden on Tuesdays between 10am and 1pm at 28 Allan's Hill, Maybole, KA19 7AU (behind the car park of Our Lady and St Cuthbert's); coming to the garden for our Open Day on 30th July, 11am till 2pm; calling/messaging Simon Bloomfield (07771 758517) or Patsy McCallum (07484 642180; sending us a message on our Facebook page - @CarrickCommunityFoodGarden.

## A BIG THANK YOU

As ever, we couldn't have accomplished what we have without the support we get from our partners, businesses and individuals within the community. Thank you to you all. Special thanks for their recent contributions go to all those who helped make our week in the Maybole Charity Shop such a success by volunteering, donating and shopping; Connor Lucas for carrying out welding repairs to repair the container and keep it weatherproof; Jim and Celia Davidson who donated plants and raised funds for CCFG by selling plants; local artist Allan McMillan for donating one of his paintings which was raffled during our week in the Maybole Charity Shop; all the many individuals who have donated plants, time or funds to the CCFG.

And finally, to our Chief Gardener, Patsy McCallum, who has out-dug, out-weeded, out-planted and out-worked everyone to get the garden to the condition it is in today!

*Thank you, Patsy.*





# WILD SWIMMING

Wild swimming, or cold-water therapy, has seen a massive boost in popularity since the pandemic started. Unlike the Zoom quizzes and daily walks that have fallen by the wayside as the country slowly returns to normal, wild swimming has stayed and grows in popularity week by week. More people are trying it, feeling the benefits and the camaraderie, and it's becoming an essential part of their routine, providing a chance to realign their physical and mental health.



Wild swimming is simply swimming outdoors whether in the sea, a lake, waterfall, or loch. Following a swim you get a huge sense of achievement, of pushing yourself beyond your comfort zone and knowing you are in control and spending time in the beautiful outdoors.

## So, what is the science behind it and why is it so good for the body?

Cold water benefits include:

- Reduction in pain and inflammation
- A boosting of the immune system
- Improved metabolism
- Good for hair and skin
- Increased alertness, clarity, and energy levels
- Releases endorphins (our happy hormones)
- A sense of community, meeting with friends or a local group
- Reconnecting with nature
- Feelings of euphoria and achievement



There are a few safety points to consider if you are contemplating wild swimming; for the first time it is best to join a local group. Never swim alone and always use a safety buoy in case of cold-water shock. Warm up beforehand, have suitable clothes or a dry

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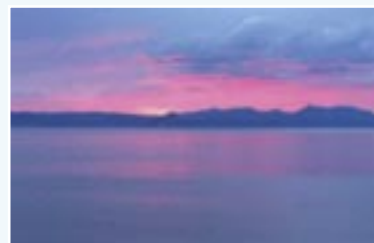
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robe for after, know your water temperature and restrict your time in the water accordingly. You must acclimatise to the temperature, so your breathing is constant.

Our local group for this area is 'Wild Sea Women - Ayrshire' but don't worry we have not forgotten about our men; they are just starting a men's group so check them out on Facebook. I joined them on New Year's Day and with a backdrop of snow on Arran, we plunged into the chilly waters at Prestwick, the BBC even picked up on it and the photo was used for their photo of the day for Scotland.



In the meantime, say 'Hi!' if you see me at any events, whether at sea or waterfall. Last year we had a beach party at Irvine and as the full moon shone overhead at midnight, we all plunged into the water as I played my gong on the beach... magical.

**Anya Rae F.I.T.** *Ayrshire Healing Centre*

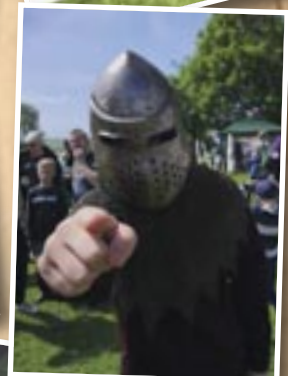


# Maybole Heritage Fun Day

Maybole Regeneration Project gave the community a day to remember with a Heritage Fun Day to launch the delivery phase of the project. The community celebrated the town's rich heritage with a series of interactive performances from History Matters Ltd and local organisations and makers provided stalls and free activities for all the community! The sun shone on the day and families enjoyed picnics whilst taking in the show of Robert the Bruce amassing his troops for battle.

Local schools participated by making pennants for the final battle which saw local children have a "shout off" followed by a tug of war to decide the winning side. A 9ft musket was fired to open and close the day of celebration which was attended by Elena Whitham MSP and by local councillors.

Coral McMillan, Activities Officer for Maybole Regeneration Project, said, "What a fantastic day! Thank you to everyone that came along. We are overwhelmed by the support that we received to make this day happen. We had 15 volunteers from our community and lots of organisations who had stalls with free activities to suit all the family. Special thanks to our friends at Morgan Sindall, who made a generous donation to the day, and to Carrick Rugby Club for allowing us to use their facilities."





# 1ST CROSSHILL GUIDES and RANGERS

In March, North Carrick Leaders from Maybole and Crosshill hosted a taster evening at Goudie's for girls who were interested in joining Brownies and Guides. Girls who came along had a chance to try some lovely craft activities and to meet some of the local Leaders. This was a successful event and we are pleased to say enrolments have increased.

Also in March, Crosshill Guides and Rangers took part in Girlguiding Ayrshire South's first County event since 2019, "All Around Ayr". In bright sunshine, 500+ Rainbows, Brownies, Guides, Rangers and Leaders visited different locations to try dancing, singing, crafts, archery, meditation, and a visit to the County Court/cells. Whilst at each location they would get their passport stamped, complete an activity and then move on to the next location. It was wonderful to see so many girls in guiding uniform walking around the town centre. The event came to a close at Ayr Low Green for a sing-a-long and promise ceremony.

**A fantastic day out!**

In April, two Crosshill guides joined Girvan guides at Dolphin House for a fun day of team building and rock pooling. Thanks go to Girvan guides for inviting us to share in such a great day out.

During May, we met at Maidens for a beach walk/scavenger hunt followed by delicious hot chocolate sitting on the veranda at Ropes Bistro. Girls also did a great job re-planting the hanging baskets at Crosshill Park as part of a national challenge.

Sunday 22nd May was Carrick District Guiding's 'Out and About Day' at Girvan. Girls were taking part in the Scottish Chief Commissioner's "Take Two in 22" challenge. Activities were held on the beach, Stair Park and Girvan South Parish Church Hall. It was a busy day and we were very lucky that the rain stayed away.

In between all these lovely outings, girls have been working on the guide programme to complete badges. We are looking forward to Guide Camp in June and "Wander the World" at Blair Drummond Safari Park in September.



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# Cairn Primary at Dumfries House

The boys and girls in Primary 1 and 2 at Cairn recently visited Dumfries House - and they all had a ball!

We started off the trip by visiting the farm where we saw chickens, turkeys, dogs, geese, pigs, cows and even a horse! We were also allowed to pat newly-born lambs, hold freshly-hatched chicks and pat gigantic bulls. We learned all about the animals and the running of the farm. Some lucky boys and girls even got to feed the animals! In the afternoon we visited the gardens and got to explore all the lovely vegetables using magnifying glasses. After that, Hannah showed us how to plant our very own beanstalk which we got to take home alongside some yummy carrot seeds to grow.



## Cairn Primary 4 News

Primary 4 have been having a great time in their classroom this term completing a STEM challenge and some activities for World Book Day.



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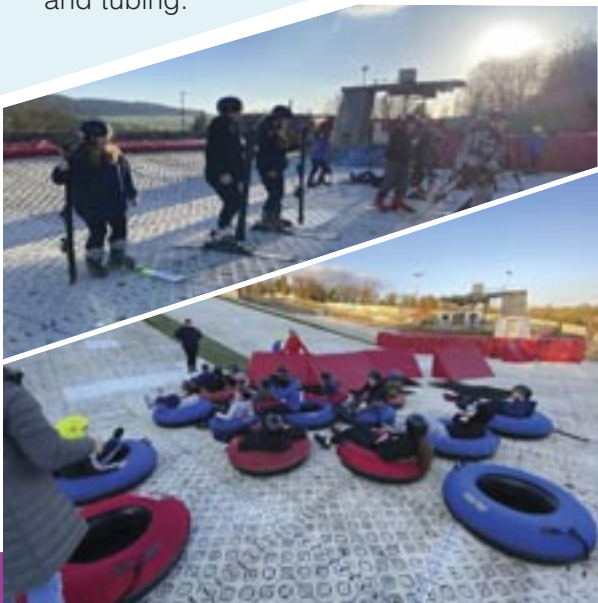
We took part in a STEM challenge to design a model or game with a working circuit



# Cairn P7 News ...

## Skiing and Tubing

Primary 5, 6 and 7 pupils had the fantastic opportunity to go to Newmilns Dry Ski Slope and have four sessions of skiing and tubing.



This was fully funded by the Parent Council. All pupils had a great time and we were very lucky to have brilliant weather. They even got to see their teachers and some brave parent helpers flying down the slopes!



We took part in different activities for World Book Day

## School Mock Court Project

Primary 6/7 competed in the School Mock Court Project this year. This is a cross-curricular project which uses a court case to encompass a range of class room subjects - from art to journalism, debating and writing skills. The class was split into two teams and each pupil in the class was assigned a role to collaboratively work together to form their case. The project uses the law as a means, not only to raise the value of citizenship, but help students to distinguish between fact and fiction and also how to effectively tell a story. Pupils had to be articulate and concise, using all available resources to convince the Sheriff that their client, whether they be the Pursuer or the Defender is right and Judgement should be granted in their favour. All pupils had a fantastic time throughout the project and on the day of the trial. Both the defenders and pursuers won their case and we are now waiting to hear the results of the overall project.



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# New face at the Carrick Centre will ensure the Centre stays at the heart of a vibrant North Carrick



Eagle-eyed regulars at the Carrick Centre may have noticed a new face, Calum Murdoch, who is the new General Manager. He will lead the strong team of staff and volunteers as they strive to meet the needs of everyone in the community of Maybole and across North Carrick.

You might be surprised to learn that with a soft English accent Calum's roots are much more local, "My father grew up in Ayr – I've been coming here all my life and have family connections across the town and North Carrick Area. It's always felt like home; my mum retired up here 20 years ago to be close to my dad's family; and whilst I'm a little way off retirement I've been happy to follow in her shoes."

Calum has a wealth of experience, "I've spent most of my professional life working in regeneration in London. I'm used to building new partnerships and securing funding. During Covid, I worked for the National Lottery assessing funding applications and then for Oxford City Council supporting their network of Community Centres. The last two years it feels like I've lived on Zoom and my laptop so it's real joy to be at the heart of such a warm and welcoming community. It's a genuine delight to get a chance to work with the team and the board."

Marguerite Hunter Blair, Chair of the Carrick Centre Board, said, "I am delighted to welcome Calum



Calum Murdoch

to lead the team at the Carrick Centre. This is possibly one of the most exciting times in the area's history with the immense opportunities arising from the planned regeneration investment across Maybole, and the ongoing financial and pandemic recovery support from NCCBC. Calum's wealth of experience will ensure that we continue to play a key role in tackling local challenges and meeting the needs of North Carrick residents, while building strong relationships with other local providers, partners and stakeholders."

## Children and families had a cracking good time at the Carrick Centre's 10th birthday party.

Youngsters from North Carrick enjoyed a bouncy castle, craft zone with face painting as well as a visit by a Peter Rabbit look-alike. Meanwhile, parents and friends sipped teas and coffees with home baking and enjoyed a licenced bar in the cafe. Visitors were captured in the photographs here, all taken by Alasdair MacLeod, and every guest was given one of the 200 beautifully decorated birthday cup-cakes.

In the gym hall, there were tables showcasing some of the 30 groups which use the centre. Next door in the youth wing, a tasty spicy curry was cooked up by the Community Development Coordinator David Quinn and his helpers, with delicious nibbles courtesy of the Training Kitchen.



Carrick Centre Community Co-ordinator David Quinn and trainee Michael Kirkwood



Left: Carrick centre Chair Marguerite Hunter Blair giving her speech.



Centre Chair Marguerite Hunter Blair welcomed the party visitors. Paying tribute to all the people, groups and funders who have supported the Centre for the past ten years, she said, "It is wonderful to feel the energy, love and enthusiasm for the Carrick Centre, it is still buzzing ten years on! There is an African proverb that says it takes a whole village to raise a child, and in the Centre tonight I feel that the whole village is here to celebrate the 'child' reach ten years of age.

"Thank you to all of you for everything you do or have done in the past to nurture the development of this wonderful building. Long may it continue to be the beating heart of this wonderful, proud, and vibrant North Carrick community." Then, in a surprise move, she asked everyone to join in singing 'Happy Birthday' to trainee Claire Corbett. The cheers that followed brought tears to many eyes; it was a special moment on a magical night.

Claire's chef tutor Juliet Thomson said: "It was a surprise announcement and Claire was tickled pink!" The evening was rounded off for some families with a trial electric bike ride. The E-Bike taster session launched the new North Carrick E-Bikes project, with 12 E-Bikes available to hire from the Carrick Centre.

Anyone can come along to try out the bikes on Mondays and Fridays between 10am and 2pm or contact John Reid of South Ayrshire Community Transport SCIO27 – 29 Crown Street; Ayr; KA8 8AG. Tel: 01292 270864.



Above: Trainee Alison Stewart, Carrick Centre Chef Tutor Juliet Thomson and birthday girl, trainee Claire Corbett





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# Straiton News ...



*When April showers come our way  
They bring the flowers that bloom in May.*

March and April combined had less than half the rainfall of February this year; April had 60.6mm, March had 55.4mm while February had 241.9mm with only two dry days. Loch Bradan certainly benefitted, having had low water levels during the winter.

The weather did not stop the guild meeting in March when Rolinke, from The Buck, told members of her work with charities and how it influenced her art and illustrations. Members were fascinated by the different forms her art took and it dispelled the idea that it is just about drawing and painting. Visitors to The Buck can view (and buy) examples of Rolinke's fine illustrations of flora and fauna.

Then, in April, members were invited by the Kirkoswald Guild to an afternoon tea and entertainment by Hugh and Friends. The entertainment was first class and the tea was very welcome and very tasty. Our own Jenny Bacon gave a vote of thanks from all attendees.

At the end of March, the Straiton Village Co-operative held an evening event to thank all the volunteers who had worked on relentlessly, keeping the community supplied over the past two years. Supper, music and the chance for a good blether made it a fun and memorable evening for all.



Presentations of paintings by local lass, and talented artist, Lucy Murdoch were made to Jennie Morrison and Eoghan Baird who have both retired after many years of volunteering in the community shop. Both were among the founding members of Straiton Village Co-operative and also contributed on the board of directors. Peter Clapton, Bea Holden, Glen and Jeanette Heggs and Bruce Henderson also received gifts in recognition of their contributions as directors and volunteers.

Our minister, Gerald Jones, continues to put a shorter version of his sermon on the Straiton St Cuthbert's website and these are always accompanied by apt and beautiful photos.



Members of the congregation were thrilled on Sunday 1st May to hear the bells ring out once

more before the service. Because of Covid restrictions there had been no access to the bells so this was especially welcome as a herald of things returning to normality, even if limited.

The Straiton Environment Group has met twice this spring. With £10,000 from NCCBC to spend on environmental projects, the group has now put out voting slips to all the community to decide on which projects will be taken forward this time.

The McCandlish Hall has benefitted from a grant from Placemaking funds, a joint venture by SAC and NCCBC. The exterior has been painted and there has been a lot of very positive feedback from the community about how good it looks.

Three events marked the Queen's Platinum Jubilee: a beacon was lit on Bennan Hill on Thursday 2nd June; Hoolie in the Hall on Friday 3rd June and Picnic in the Park on Sunday 5th June.

And last but by no means least! Two of our very own Straiton lads - Tom Dowman and Jim Kirk - were in the Scotland Team which won the International Super Masters Walking Football World Cup at FIFA Headquarters in Zurich, on Thursday 19th and 20th June 2022. Jim and Tom are previous winners of this Trophy in 2018 and have earned the right to call themselves Double World Champions. Both Tom and Jim scored goals for Scotland in their matches.

Scotland played in the 65+ section with teams from Australia, Denmark, England, Germany, Gibraltar, Switzerland, United Nations, and Wales, giving a total of eight matches per team to find the Champions. The Scotland squad, with an average age of 70, remained undefeated through the eight matches winning six games with two drawn and so were crowned Champions.

On day two, a 5-a-side competition was held with Scotland finishing 3rd; the highlight was beating England 6-1 (after drawing 0-0 in the main walking football tournament). Over the two days a penalty shoot took place and Scotland also took first place with another trophy being added on Friday evening. North Carrick was further represented by Hugh McKay, from Maybole, who also contributed to the Scotland goal tally.





# Fun-filled Easter Holiday Programme

Sixty six young people from across North Carrick enjoyed a fun-filled Easter Holiday Programme at the Carrick Centre in Maybole. This programme was organised in partnership with The Carrick Centre, Community Learning and Development's Thriving Communities team and Active Schools team, South Ayrshire Council. The programme ran for two weeks over the Easter holidays. The young people learned lots of new skills

in the cooking group, they got creative in Arts & Crafts and participated in a wide variety of sports. All the activities were free and accessible for P4 – P7 young people and they also enjoyed a free healthy lunch.

Working in a successful partnership allows young people from North Carrick to be able to access a high quality programme full of fun, healthy and educational activities.

Please see the Summer Programme below.



I loved making the food it looked so yummy and I had so much fun with my friends

I liked doing the squeeze bunny because I could show my creativity

I enjoyed playing rugby, then I got to pick a game to play it was 100% fun today



## North Carrick Summer Programme

JULY

Mon. 11th, Wed. 13th, Fri. 15th  
Mon. 18th, Wed. 20th, Fri. 22nd  
Mon. 25th, Wed. 27th, Fri. 29th

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