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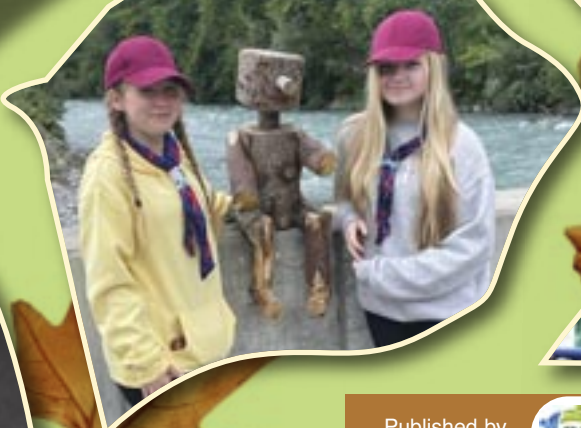
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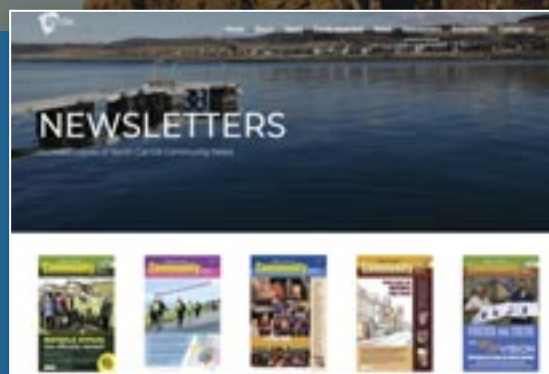
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Extra copies will also be left in various outlets in each community.

Next board meeting:
Tuesday 14th November.

South Ayrshire Befriending Award

South Ayrshire Befriending Project (SABP) supports young people aged 8 – 18 who are socially isolated living in South Ayrshire. We recruit, train and support volunteers to become befrienders who are matched with a young person, one to one, and help them to access new opportunities within the local community, making a huge difference to their lives.



We are delighted to have recently achieved the Volunteer Friendly Award. The Volunteer Friendly Award is a Scotland wide quality standard for volunteer programmes, managed by Volunteer Scotland and delivered through a local TSI/Volunteer Centre. Our local TSI, VASA, had some amazing feedback for us, "Outstanding, professional recruitment and support to volunteers, yet with a sound volunteering culture developing a very caring, supportive relationship with all volunteers".

The award has been designed to be an effective and involving process, that ensures that volunteers receive the best possible support, and the organisation receives maximum benefit from their volunteers' contribution. The standard covers the five foundation quality strands; involving, managing, inclusion, welcoming, valuing.

To achieve the award staff submitted a portfolio which included information about our processes, procedures, and the way we work with our volunteers. It has been a fantastic way to make sure that the work we do is up to date and that we are doing everything we can to support our amazing volunteers, without whom we wouldn't have a Project.

Part of the portfolio was a feedback section from our volunteers, and we were delighted to see that they felt so supported.

"I received full training and was also well supported on my first few outings and getting to know my young person and their family" (Volunteer).



"The coordinators are great to talk to and very approachable. Nothing is too much trouble for them" (Volunteer).

Our volunteers are a valued part of the team, and we cannot thank them enough for what they do. If you would like to join our amazing team and can spare two or three hours once every couple of weeks to help make a difference to a young person's life please get in touch.

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Please submit all articles as early as possible to assist us with preparing the newsletters. We appear to receive most copy on the final week of the deadline which means we are inundated with stories. We want to make you all aware that we can accept articles during the three months between deadlines so please do not feel the need to wait until the deadline approaches.

Please send us your stories the earlier the better. Thank you!

Winter edition deadline is: 12noon, 10th November

NCCBC Members Annual General Meeting Monday 2nd October at 7pm

Kirkoswald Church Hall – *behind Souters Inn.*

Please note this is a members' meeting. Public are welcome to attend subject to available space, but must not take part in any voting.

Matters of business:

Chairperson's Report

Accounts

Development Officers' Review

Community Project Fund, next round.

Vote for Directorships

AOCB and questions.

Arts and Crafts at Maidens

Maidens Arts and Crafts group, with the help of funding via NCCBC, has been running classes again this year. Two sessions starting with Neurographic Art and Parchment Paper Art have been held so far, and a further eight sessions are planned for Autumn, from 30th August onwards.



For further info and booking details please email MCA on

maidenscommunity@gmail.com

CARRICK TOTS

Carrick Tots is held at the Carrick Centre, Maybole EVERY TUESDAY from 10-11.30am Cost: £3 per child. This includes juice/tea/coffee and biscuits for all. We welcome tots from birth to five years, and older siblings are welcome in the holidays. A chance to get together, have a cuppa, and meet new friends while the little ones play!





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Carrick Rugby Football Club Shortlisted for National Award

Carrick Rugby Football Club (SCIO) has been shortlisted as a finalist in this year's Scottish Social Enterprise Awards. The prestigious awards recognise outstanding social enterprises and third sector projects across the country.

Carrick Rugby has been nominated in the 2023 "One to Watch" category, as they continue moving towards becoming a sustainable social enterprise, allowing them to provide even more opportunities for communities across South Ayrshire to play rugby.

The club delivers rugby across North and South Carrick to the whole community, in schools, at holiday rugby camps, through diversionary activities and participation in leagues, festivals and cup competitions. The club has been able to expand their activities, both on and off the pitch, over the past year thanks to their army of volunteers and coaches, led by the Club Business Development Officer, Aiden Strachan. Drawn from the local communities of Girvan and Maybole, the combined individual talents have allowed the club to move forward in its endeavour to become a sustainable social enterprise.

Aiden commented: "We were encouraged to enter the Scottish Social Enterprise Awards by the Community Wealth Building team at South Ayrshire Council and were both surprised and delighted to be shortlisted. We've been supported over the past year to develop both our rugby and business skills, and it's a big part of my remit to make sure we can keep building on this. We could not have done this without our many sponsors, including Lynch Homes, JMP, Carrick Futures, Scottish Rugby and the Council who have supported us all the way".

"We're really proud of delivering free rugby camps in the holidays, with good food and free transport



The club in action with our new strips, thanks to all our sponsors and supporters

provided. Our Friday night Diversionary rugby is also an ongoing success because we can provide free transport from our local villages and towns. Our contribution to the professional development of our young volunteers is highlighted by their successes on and off the pitch. A great example of this is our young volunteer coach, Daryl Conway, who has been selected as a Scottish Rugby Young Ambassador".

Carrick Rugby will continue to develop its business strategy following funding from SAC Community Wealth Building. This will allow the development of a business plan which will secure the crucial post of Club Development Officer for the future and with that, the future of community grass roots rugby in North and South Carrick.

The Scottish Social Enterprise Award winners will be announced at an Awards Ceremony on 26 October 2023, at the Scottish Parliament, with category winners progressing to the Social Enterprise UK Award finals in London on 30th November.

For more information on Carrick Rugby, see their Facebook page or contact the club directly at carrickrugby@gmail.com



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Community Wellbeing Hub in Maybole has had a very busy few months!

We now have a new logo! We ran a competition, and the very talented Sarah Jones (17) who has been a regular attendee at hub sessions, won with this inspiring logo of tree roots and growth. Well done Sarah!

Our Women's Group received funding from South Ayrshire Council to allow our group to continue meeting monthly to provide a safe, supportive space for women of all ages.

Ayrshire Healing Centre, where the Hub is based, raised £478 during its second birthday celebrations at Dunure beach, to create a designated children's room – a place for younger children to play, make crafts, have storytelling activities, and more, while their parents/carers receive support. The beach party featured wild swimming, Shamanic drumming, intention setting, a fire ceremony, and a gratitude scavenger hunt. A wonderful day was had by all. Many thanks to all who attended, and we look forward to showing off our new room once it is completed.

Carrick Rugby have been practicing yoga with the guidance of our yoga teachers before training each week during the summer and are really feeling the benefits.

We ran a session for Barnardo's which saw Ukrainian families from Maybole, and the surrounding villages come in for drumming, meditation, sound healing, and refreshments. Despite the language barrier, the ladies all had a fantastic day, and all left with huge smiles.

We ran a retreat for Vics in the Community which saw their Mindful Monday Group come



in for drumming, meditation, and therapeutic art. A fabulous group and a day filled with laughter and joy.

Our Men's Group has been busy building us a huge community noticeboard so everyone passing by can see all the activities and classes we have to offer the community.

We are responding to your feedback and are actively trying to expand to offer a mental health choir, walking group, daytime women's group, and more workshops for families. We have two fundraisers coming up at the Carrick Centre – a psychic night, and a fun-filled evening being organised by our women's group – dates and more details to be released.



Be sure to follow us on Facebook to hear about our plans as soon as they are announced!

We are taking over the charity shop in Maybole for a week from the 29th of September and would love any



donations of items and volunteer time. We love to have the community involved in growing the hub and helping as many people as possible.

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Crosshill Gala Day

On Saturday 17th June, the sun shone down on our amazing gala! The turnout was overwhelming, and Crosshill Community Association are grateful to everyone that came along to show their support to the event! We had a lovely visit from the alpacas from Little Peru, a special visit from Sonic and a magical Unicorn. The kids enjoyed the selection of bouncy castles we had arranged for them. There was a great range of stallholders with something for everyone.

Crosshill Community Association would like to thank everyone who came to the event; from the stallholders to visitors to the companies that provided entertainment. We would also like to thank Crosshill Bowling and Social Club for letting us hold the event at their venue. We will now start planning for next year's gala and look forward to seeing everyone there!

Please keep a look out for our upcoming events that will be taking place over the coming months! You can follow us on Facebook: **Crosshill Community Association** or Email: **crosshillca@gmail.com**




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CSK SURVEY

The Crosshill Straiton and Kirkmichael Community Council, in conjunction with South Ayrshire Council conducted a survey of all the households in the ward.

The aim was to discover how people in the area use energy in their homes and how the general attitude to renewable energy might have altered.

The results are interesting and a little surprising, they can be found on the CSK Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100083186537689> , in the CC minutes, at the CC Twitter account [@CouncilCsk] and are displayed on the noticeboards in each of the villages.

The CC would like to thank South Ayrshire Council for their assistance in printing the survey forms and in delivering them to those households outside the village confines.



St Cuthbert's Primary School - Summer Term Memories and Welcome Back!

We had an amazing last term in our original St. Cuthbert's Primary School building....and what a great first day back at St. Cuthbert's Primary, within the Maybole Community Campus!

A Piper, balloons and bubbles greeted us and we are so looking forward to all the new opportunities that this will bring. However, it was just fantastic being back together again!

During the last term, our Primary 7's had an amazing trip to London, with the P7 class from Sacred Heart Primary, in Girvan. They created many wonderful memories and the photos say it all.

We welcomed our new 2023/24 P1 children in for 'Bump Up' days and they really enjoyed getting to know their new teachers and make new friends. Our P4 Children celebrated their First Holy Communion and we wish them all the very best. A wonderful day was had by all.

The whole School were very fortunate to have the opportunity to attend and help out at the Maybole Community Garden... lots of budding 'green fingers'! A Summer term is never complete without the annual Sports' Day and School Trip...the sun shone on both days and the children loved every minute.

The end of the school year is always very special as we say farewell to our P7's, but this year it was particularly poignant as we were also saying farewell to our School Admin Assistant, Mrs Strang, our Janitor/Cleaner/Dinner Lady, Mrs McClung and to the St. Cuthbert's Building! To mark this, we had a lovely



picnic, ice-cream van, music and lots of fun with everyone. After that we had the traditional Leavers' Assembly where we celebrated our wonderful pupils, staff, and building!

WE ARE BACK TOGETHER... from our original visit to now! Staff and pupils are so pleased to be back together and are looking forward to creating many more wonderful memories!



Maybole Charity Shop – School Vennel

The Maybole Charity has some fantastic groups coming in over the next few months. Don't forget to stop in and support your local charities and groups each week.

Open Monday through Thursday 9am till 4pm, and Saturday 9am till mid-afternoon!

If you would like to book a week for next year 2024, please contact Alex on **07754 591866**.

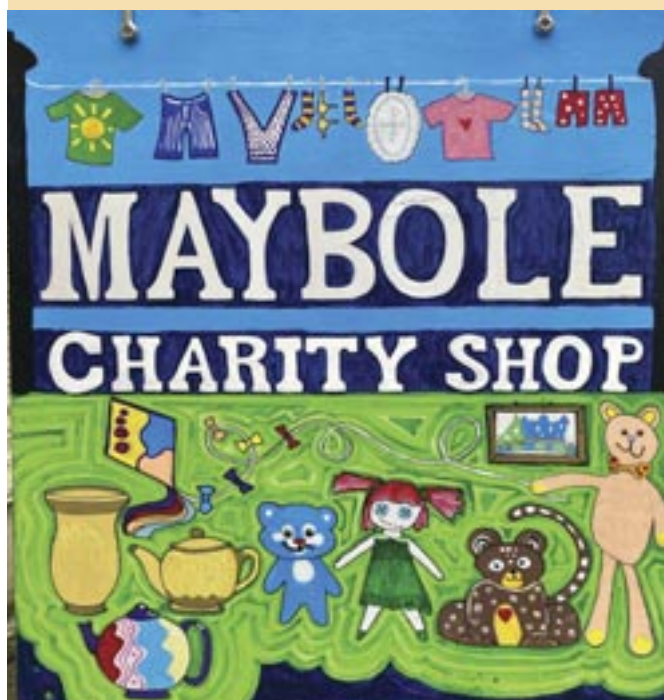
NOTE: Weeks are limited and go quickly book ASAP to ensure your spot.

Donations are always greatly appreciated, but please always inquire within the shop prior to bringing donations as some groups do not have space for them.

Follow us on Facebook for weekly updates!

Shop Schedule:

29th September – Community Wellbeing Hub
 6th October – Colouring Communities
 13th October – Carrick Round Table
 20th October – Shoe Box Appeal
 27th October – 1st Crosshill Guides and Rangers
 3rd November – New Church Centre
 10th November – Hope Wellbeing Counselling
 17th November – St Oswald's Church
 24th November – Carrick Rugby Club



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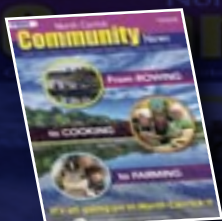
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Cairn Primary Closing Ceremony

On Friday 23rd June Cairn Primary hosted their Official Closing Assembly. They were joined by officials from the council, past members of staff, representatives from partner organisations and of course friends and families. Each class had prepared a special Cairn inspired song or poem and they performed them beautifully. Earlier in June, Cairn and Gardenrose Primary were awarded the Rights Respecting School Silver Award. During the ceremony the RRS committee talked about the journey to achieving the silver award and the next steps to achieving Gold. Later in the ceremony some of the young musicians entertained the audience by playing pieces of music they had prepared with the help of the South Ayrshire music instructors. Looking forward to the new campus, Olivia

Campbell and Dan Conaghan were presented with their prizes for designing the new Culzean Primary school uniform. The uniform was also modelled by some of the pupils. The ceremony ended with the whole school singing 'Never Forget'.



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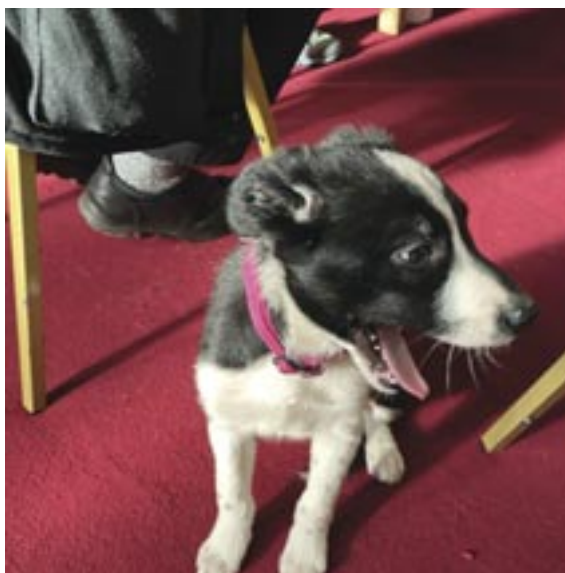
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Please submit articles well before this date where possible



THE KIRKMICHAEL WAY!

Over the course of session 22/23, people from across the Kirkmichael school community worked together to develop our new Vision and Values, as well as design new corporate branding for the school. To celebrate this being published, we invited all our families into school for a breakfast and shared our ideas about bringing the values to life. Local farm shop and friends of the school Dalduff Farm provided much of the food, with Councillor Connolly also on hand to support the event. Our new tagline certainly sums up what the school is about, 'We may be small but we've got it all', and we are proud of our new values to live by: respectful, supportive, kind.



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All Creatures Great and Small

St Oswald's, Maybole regularly welcomes dogs to Sunday Services. On October 8th, at 3pm, there will be a special service to which all pet owners are invited to bring their pets for a blessing. The service will last around 30 minutes and will be followed by refreshments. All are welcome to come along and celebrate all God's creatures and the special place pets play in our lives.

Enhancing Maybole - Update on the Maybole Regeneration Project

Maybole Active Travel (MAT) Scheme - Phase I - High Street/Public Realm

We're pleased to share that the design work on the Maybole Active Travel (MAT) Phase I Scheme which focuses on the historic High Street and Public Realm has re-started. We understand that delays can be frustrating, but we are committed to working with the community and stakeholders to ensure we have a scheme that fits the needs of Maybole.

The revised plans aim to retain the benefits of two-way traffic while providing major enhancements in safety and accessibility. Widened footpaths and the addition of tactile paving will ensure that our High Street becomes an inclusive space for all.

We value your input, which is why a public consultation is planned for October 2023 to gather your thoughts on the redesign. The consultation will be in-person and online. Your feedback will play a crucial role in shaping the final design. We're committed to creating a space that resonates with everyone, and with the involvement of stakeholders like you, we aim to achieve major enhancements that will serve businesses, the local community, and visitors for many years to come. Once the consultation wraps up, we'll fine-tune the design, considering the insights we've gathered. Pending a successful application to Sustrans, we're gearing up to tender the project in Summer 2024, with construction set to kick off shortly after.

Your patience in this delayed project is much appreciated. Please get in touch if you wish to discuss this scheme.

Maybole Active Travel (MAT) - Phase II

We've secured funding for Phase II of the Maybole Active Travel (MAT) initiative. This exciting chapter will focus on creating safe and accessible walking and cycling routes that may include connecting our town centre to the new community campus and the upcoming skate park, among other possibilities. Our dedicated Design Team is being assembled. A community consultation on route options will take place. By January 2024, we'll have a clearer vision of these options and plans to present to you for your input.

Maybole Town Hall

As many who have passed through Maybole recently

will have seen that the scaffolding that once enveloped Maybole Town Hall is gradually coming down as the restoration project nears its completion. To celebrate this milestone, we're planning a community event this October. Keep an eye out for announcements – join us for a chance to marvel at your beautifully refreshed and conserved Town Hall.

Maybole Castle

Exciting transformations are happening at Maybole Castle as it undergoes its conservation and revitalisation journey. The plans for the Castle go beyond preservation; working with partners, we're dedicated to turning it into a hub that supports and nurtures both new and existing businesses. The construction phase is in full swing, and if all goes as planned, we anticipate the grand reveal in the spring of 2024. Maybole's and North Carrick's iconic historic gem will shine brighter than ever becoming a renewed key attraction to the town.

Coral McMillan

Coral, our Activities and Training Officer is moving on. We thank her for her energy, creativity, and dedication and for always placing Maybole and the community at the centre of what she has done. We wish her well. We will be looking to recruit, if you are interested, please do get in touch.

Thank you for your support and understanding as we work together to make Maybole an even better place to live, work and visit.



Stay tuned to our Facebook pages for more updates or please get in touch via Facebook, email regeneratingmaybole@south-ayrshire.gov.uk or tel. (Mon.-Thu.) 01655 884 865.

Maybole Regeneration Project Activities and Training Update

by Coral McMillan

It has been a busy summer within the Activities and Training project with over 100 people engaging in our activities since the end of June. In all, over 2000 local people have participated in the programme since March of 2021!

New Beginnings Project

Teaming up with Morgan Sindall, builders of the new school, we commissioned a project to capture the spirit of the old schools that will be closing to make way for the new community campus. This project has produced a documentary which has interviews with former and current teachers and pupils of the four Maybole schools - capturing memories which cover every emotion. The young



Aimee McDermott
recording New
Beginnings song

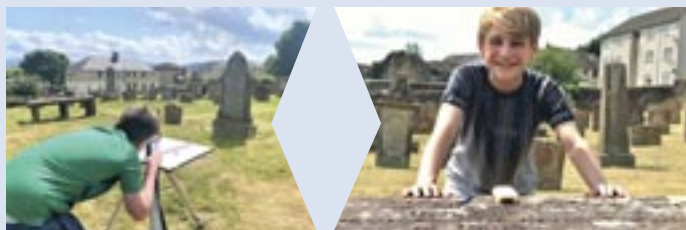


Carrick Academy Pupils work with local Musician Scot Nicol to write and record a Song for Maybole

people have also written an amazing song to accompany the work. There will be a showcase of the project which will be a mixture of video and live performances in the new Community Campus. Date to be confirmed.

Heritage Superheroes

Archaeology Scotland helped us to deliver an amazing course in Maybole for S3 pupils from Queen Margaret's Academy. Including field work and desk-based research, pupils looked at historic maps to see how Maybole has changed over



time and then completed a 'Local Heritage Challenge' as they walked through the regeneration area in the town - spotting features of historical/ archaeological interest e.g., stained glass windows, benchmarks, graffiti, street names, buildings at risk etc. The young people had a brilliant time and earned themselves a Heritage Heroes Award.

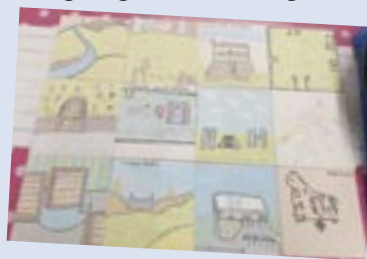
Robert The Bruce Heritage Day 2023

Maybole Regeneration Project had a brilliant time at this terrific event. During the event we offered a host of free activities such as Traditional Weaving, Magazine Making, Activity books etc. We also gave out 100 free activity packs to local under 10's. A great day full of music, laughter, and community spirit!



Traditional Tile Project

Working with CLD, we commissioned a ceramicist to work with a group of young people on the summer holiday programme. This was a lovely intergenerational project where young people were designing and creating a lovely tiled welcome sign



for Crosne Street Residents. The project concludes in the October holidays with an unveiling party for the youngsters and the residents of Crosne Street.

Book Of Memories

With our friends at Icecream Architecture, we have been busy creating a book of local memories which will incorporate an interactive Heritage Trail. Students from UWS have provided amazing talent to help record stories and memories. Lots of local people have joined in to share their stories and we cannot wait to see the finished piece!

Sharing Maybole Memories



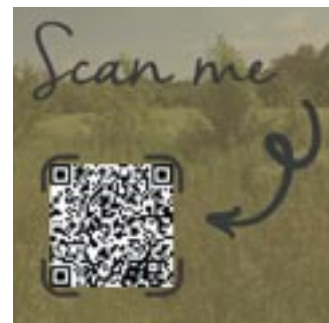
MINISHANT ECO PARK CONSULTATION

North Carrick Community Benefit Company (NCCBC) in partnership with the Minishant Social and Leisure Group (MSLG) are looking into the potential creation of an environmentally friendly Community Building and Park within the woodland area surrounding the football pitch on School Road.

Proposals for an Ecological Walk and Park in the woodland around Minishant's football pitch date back to March 2020 and a feasibility study has now been commissioned. Community Enterprise and MSLG will be working to consider the local community's needs while assessing potential opportunities for the site. This work has been made possible due to funding via 'Coastal Communities'.

Please help the project forward by sharing your views!

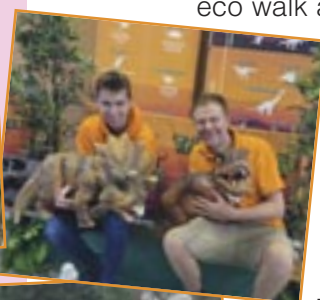
You can answer anonymously or leave your contact details if you want to get involved, but all answers are confidential (including those from paper surveys). All responses will be collected on SurveyMonkey via the QR code.



Responses will be collated and analysed by Community Enterprise and our privacy policy can be viewed on our website. If you need help or have any additional questions, please contact Jennifer Macdonald at jennifer@communityenterprise.co.uk

Minishant Gala

Minishant held their 2nd gala in over 23 years this August! Despite the weather not being in their favour, it was a huge success, boasting over 25 stalls from home baking to handmade designs from local sellers. 'The Dino Man' was a huge hit alongside Fabulous Fraser and Jinty's facepainting. Special guests Rapunzel and Spiderman also shot in for a visit, as well as the fantastic energy the boys from Minishant Football Team brought with their 'beat the goalie'!



Our Gala King, Aiden and Queen, Layla were assisted by Pageboy Laughlan and Attendant Myla – together they opened the Gala after being crowned by long standing village resident Betty; after being piped in by the fantastic local piper, Craig.

Local dance groups Elite Dance School and Team



Turnbull kept the crowds going with their amazing dance routines!

Minishant Social and Leisure Group would like to thank all residents, and people who ventured from different communities, for coming out to support the day. Also, a big shout out to North Carrick Community Benefit Company for all the help they offer us, as well as helping to fund the amazing posts from Wooden Sculptures Chainsaw Art. What an amazing local talent to have on our doorstep!

We would also urge anyone to complete and send in our feasibility study questionnaires concerning the eco walk and community building. We are

working hard in the background trying to get the exciting project off the ground. We look forward to reading people's views on this, although general chat at our gala was very positive! You can find details of the survey above.

Please keep your eyes peeled on our Facebook group for any upcoming events! Facebook - 'Minishant Social and Leisure'

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Kirkmichael: Village Shop

Straiton: Village Shop

Minishant: Minishant Stores

Maidens: Little K's Kitchen and Ropes

Maybole: The Carrick Centre, Library, Co-op, Spar

Kirkoswald: Souters, Kirkland Garden Centre

Turnberry: Balkenna Tearoom and Dowhill Farm Shop

Dunure/Fisherton: The Anchorage, Harbourside Coffee Shop & Aruna Arts & Gifts



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Sporting Success!

Primary 4-7 pupils across Kirkmichael and Straiton competed in a variety of sporting events over the last term including netball, football, and rugby. One of our highlights was playing in the Maidens Tournament and the pupils from Kirkmichael and Straiton came together and formed an unbeatable team and were overall winners of the tournament!

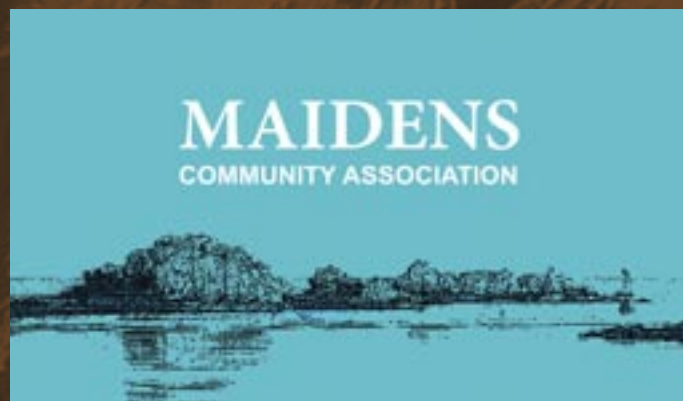
Well done everyone!



Maidens World Ocean Day - June 2023



Maidens hosted the second World Ocean Day event in June, but this time bigger and better – with a three-day festival! Thanks to funding from Coca Cola, NCCBC's Community Projects Fund and Coastal Communities, the festival offered a varied range of activities across the weekend! Sessions included beach yoga with Ruth from Harmonise Yoga, a Craft Fair with wares from a variety of local makers, and ocean themed kids' activities and crafts with National Trust for Scotland Culzean Rangers, South Ayrshire Council Waste Awareness, Girlguiding Ayrshire South and CRAG Community Arts. Maidens also hosted a programme of fascinating themed talks from renowned speakers including expert marine biologist and videographer Doug Allan, local fishing legend Howard McCrindle, Neil Smith – founder of Rubbish Paddlers, and the wonderful Sophie Plant from



Arran COAST. On the Saturday evening there was live music from Earthbound and both residents and visitors danced the night away in the harbourside marquee. Maidens Wild Adventurers also used the space for their own fun over the weekend!





activities. Special memories were made with the help of Galloway and Southern Ayrshire UNESCO Biosphere, Culzean's Dolphin House, Arran COAST, local Maidens fishermen, Carrick History Society and many more! Special thanks go to NCCBC staff, GAB Audio Engineers, and Carrick History Society for supporting the committee to bring the programme of events together.



The team hopes to make the Maidens World Ocean Day Festival an annual event!

If you enjoyed the event and would be interested in getting involved or volunteering at next year's festival, please email Angela on angelatreble@btinternet.com



What is World Ocean Day?

World Ocean Day rallies the world for action on 8th June and throughout the year. World Ocean Day belongs to all groups and individuals, collectively, everywhere. It's about how, by working together, we can create a better future with an abundant ocean and a stable climate. One Ocean, One Climate, One Future – Together. Find out more here: www.worldoceanday.org



Development Manager Report



Charity Shop

- The completion date for the works in the shop is likely to be in September.
- NCCBC has been discussing a project that could be done in the shop by Dumfries House's "Building Arts Programme". This would involve participants in the programme adding some decorative touches to the exterior of the shop and some internal fittings. Their work should start in October and be completed in December. A big thank you to Coral McMillan and the Maybole Regeneration Project for making the connection with Dumfries House.

Foundations For Recovery – A Programme for Action

- The Strategy for North Carrick document at <https://nccbc.org.uk/foundations-for-recovery/> outlines the programme of action and will guide the work of a new organisation that is being set up.
- Dunure – The work being done by consultants and Dynamic Dunure using their current £10,000 of NCCBC Community-led Projects funding is progressing well. Their Expression of Interest has been submitted to the National Lottery Heritage Fund. If successful, that will be followed up with a Stage 1 application early in 2024.
- Arts and AR Trail – The £50,000 grant from the UK Government via South Ayrshire Council has now been finalised. Matched with £25,000 from NCCBC, this will be used to create new assets in each of our communities. Local people and visitors alike will be encouraged to visit the new artworks!

- Heritage Enterprise Village This 3-year project is about to begin with £118,500 of Strengthening Communities Programme funding. This project got off to a tricky start with difficulty in recruiting someone to lead it. NCCBC is working on a different approach which should see the project underway during September or October.
- Bruce 2024 (AKA Bruce 750) – NCCBC is developing the programme for 2024 with events and activities proposed for the whole year.

Subject to NCCBC being able to secure external funding, 2024 should be a memorable year for people across South Ayrshire.

- Lion of Carrick – The outcome of an application to the Regeneration Capital Grants Fund will be known in September. If successful, NCCBC will have a short time to prepare and submit the final stage application. All being well, and with the necessary support from South Ayrshire Council, we could have a large grant approved early in 2024. All of this means that the new monument will not be ready for the 2024 Bruce anniversary. But we can be optimistic that the statue will be in place in plenty of time to be a focal point for commemorating the 700th anniversary of Robert the Bruce's death, which will be in 2029!


Cost of Living – The final stage of NCCBC's project will be distributing vouchers to people who need a bit of help with their electricity or gas bills – you can see more about this on page 35.

For more information on any of these initiatives or anything else that NCCBC might help with, please contact Stuart at stuart@nccbc.org.uk.


Opening of Culzean Primary

On Monday 24th August, we were delighted to welcome our pupils to our new campus. The children were piped into the school and there were lots of photo opportunities. The children were all excited to finally see inside the building, be in their classrooms and to meet their new teachers and friends!



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Kirkoswald Parish Church News

Rev. Jeanette Whitecross, Linda Stroud, Sheila Dunlop, and Elizabeth Veitch were delighted to be invited along to Renaissance Care at Malin Court to celebrate 50 years of Malin Court. A buffet BBQ style lunch followed by a garden party and afternoon tea was enjoyed by all. Entertainment was live music by Edwin Laurence. The residents, family, friends, and guests had a lovely afternoon. Thank you to all the staff from Kirkoswald Parish Church for inviting us along to such a joyous occasion.



Breakfast Sunday morning services conducted by Rev. Connie Bonner in Maidens Hall were very well received again this year. These were held over five Sundays during the school holidays at 9am. Hot filled rolls, cereal, pancakes, fruit juice, tea and coffee were served during the service. Holiday makers and locals alike enjoyed the relaxed atmosphere and the time to sit and chat together afterwards.

The last week in August has been a busy week for Kirkoswald Parish Church members as we have taken over the Maybole Charity Shop to raise funds. By the Wednesday we had already raised £1500. A big thank you to all who donated items, helped in the shop, and came to buy our bargains.

Don't forget our next fundraising event - Please put in your diary that our Christmas Fayre will take place on Saturday 26th November from 10am until 2pm in Kirkoswald Church hall.

What's on

Weekly Sunday services are held in Kirkoswald Parish Church at 11.15am - all welcome. There is tea in the hall after the service on the first Sunday of the month.

Guild Dedication Service - 17th September

Harvest Thanksgiving – 15th October

All donations of produce will be given to the Maybole Food Bank. There is a soup and sandwich lunch after this service to raise funds for Christian Aid.



Communion Service - 5th November

First Wednesday of the month - Kirkoswald Lunch Club 12 noon until 1.30pm in Kirkoswald Church Hall.

The Guild has its first meeting of the session on the second Wednesday in October at 1.30pm in Kirkoswald Church Hall. Our speaker will be Elspeth Mair, talking about her trip in Egypt raising money for charity. All welcome.

Samaritans Purse - Kirkoswald Parish Church is a designated drop off point for the shoe box appeal. Shoe boxes are uplifted beginning of November.



North Carrick Community Newsletter needs....



We want all our residents to contribute to these newsletters, without your input we cannot produce a quality publication. We are always looking for any stories, large or small, to include within future publications as **North Carrick needs YOU.**

Please send all your stories and photographs to:
newsletter@nccbc.org.uk

Your community needs you!



The charity shop on Maybole High Street is nearing completion and we are looking for volunteers for different roles.

There are many groups that don't use charity shops as a way to fundraise because they don't have the volunteers. So, could you support them and others for a few hours a week?

Could you be part of a committee to help manage the shop? The shop happens to be located in Maybole, but it is for the benefit of the whole of North Carrick and wider.

If you are part of an organisation that would benefit from the income from using the shop, then please make contact with us to book or ask for support.

For all matters regarding the charity shop please email
claire@nccbc.org.uk

A helping hand costs nothing but it can make a priceless impact in your community!

Straiton Primary World of Work Day

Kirkmichael and Straiton Primary Schools and their Early Years Centres celebrated 'World of Work Day' on Friday 16th June.

Straiton Primary School was the venue for the event, which seeks to inspire the workforce of tomorrow.

There were lots of organisations there on the day including representatives from the tourism and hospitality sectors, the emergency services, Council departments and those involved in agriculture. Andrew Hislop, Joint Head Teacher said: "Both schools are keen to bring learning to life and give our young people fun and meaningful learning experiences. We asked each employer to inspire the children and demonstrate the skills and qualities needed to be successful in their line of work through some fun activities. A huge thanks to all and particularly Lynne Peacock from the Scottish Ambulance Service."



Straiton Primary School End of Year Service

The end of the last session saw us say goodbye to our P7 students. They will both be missed by all the children and staff, and we wish Tom and Cada every success at their Secondary Schools.

Well done to all our winners at our Prize Giving ceremony, you all worked very hard this year.



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The Straiton Way!

Over the course of session 22/23, people from across the Straiton school community worked together to develop our new Vision and Values, as well as design new corporate branding for the school. To celebrate this being published, we invited all our families into school for a burger or hot dog and shared our ideas about bringing the values to life. The food was supplied by Nisbet Family Butcher, with Councillor Connolly also supporting the event. There was a great turn out as the sunshine appeared and all in attendance were keen to support the new values and tagline, 'Small school, big heart'; positive, supportive, compassionate.



New street furniture for Kirkoswald

We have had some very positive comments since the installation of a new bench and some new planters in Kirkoswald. The bench, which has profiles of Tam 'O Shanter & Souter Johnnie on each end; replaced an old wooden bench next to the war memorial at the southern end of the village, and has been a talking point since it was fitted. These items were purchased thanks to funding from NCCBC through Scottish Power Renewables. Thanks also has to go to a few local lads that helped site the new items!



Maybole Parish Church

What's On

Sunday services held at 10.30am in the Carrick Centre followed by a time of fellowship with tea & coffee (*home baking most weeks*)

Foodbank Sundays – 1st Sunday of the month. Bring along an item for the foodbank.

Fairknowe Service – 1st Sunday of the month at 3pm in Fairknowe House
All welcome

Harvest Service – 1st October

Communion Service – 5th November

Remembrance Service – 12th November

Christmas Services

Watchnight Service – 24th December at 11.30pm. Christmas Day Service – 25th December at 10am

Summer means Fun at the Carrick Centre



School holidays are one of our favourite times here at the Carrick Centre, as we get to have lots of fun activities with our young folks! This year was no exception. We had a variety of events and each was filled with enthusiastic youngsters eager to try their hand at cooking, decorating, or jumping sky high at the Air Thrill Park in East Kilbride. Thanks to the generosity of

our sponsors - STV and the Scottish National Lottery - we were able to provide each child with a nutritious lunch and pay for all the activities –



a big thank you to them! Fajita Friday cooking classes went down a storm with young people creating some tasty fajitas, guacamole, and salsa! The next session was a bit of magic in the house as we had the Fabulous Fraser here mystifying our young guests. We also had the Guide Dogs for the Blind here to talk about what they do and Hobi, the retired guide dog was very patient with all of us and we petted and fussed over him.

Some feedback from the young people taking part included:

"I really like it all"

"I like it all, turn the music up!"

"I love that my sister can come too"

"My fajita's are better than my mums!"

We want to thank everyone who participated in any way and we look forward to the next school holiday!






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Mancave at the Carrick Centre

What is the Mancave? There are groups like this all over the UK and internationally. Their goal is to provide a safe, men only, space where men/boys can get together and support each other. The old saying that "Men don't talk about their feelings" may not be as true as it once was, however, it's still hard sometimes for men to feel that it is ok to feel sad, or depressed or stressed. The Mancave is a place to get together, to get support and education and is a place where men can be open with each other and discuss the pressures of life, without the worry of judgement.

The Mancave takes place at the Carrick Centre, Culzean Road Maybole, on Mondays from 6-8 pm. We welcome anyone over the age of 18 to join us in a safe place to chat, play snooker/pool or dominoes

and cards. Or you can sit quietly and listen to the chat without taking part. Likewise, there is occasional karaoke turns and again you can participate, or just enjoy the company. Some members arrange fishing trips or other outings

depending on what folks are interested in doing.

Tea/coffee is provided as is the

occasional cooking evening. All this free of charge.

Anyone who wants more information can call the Carrick Centre on **01655 883222** or email us at info@carrickcentre.co.uk



Carrick Cinema Club

Season Sept 2023 - May 2024

The new season of the Carrick Cinema Club opens with the fun blockbuster film of the year 'BARBIE' on September 29th at the Carrick Centre, Maybole. There will be two showings: 4pm and 7:30pm and we're hiring a real 18ft cinema screen with Dolby sound.

We are hoping that the earlier showing time at 4pm will attract young people and families since schools finish early on Fridays and this film is a great way to end your week!

We have also decided to peg our membership subscription again- nine films, one a month through to May- for just £30. Or you can buy your ticket at the door for £5. Children £3.

Critic Mark Kermode wrote of Barbie: "It's a riotously entertaining candy-coloured feminist fable that manages simultaneously to celebrate, satirise, and deconstruct its happy-plastic subject. Audiences will be delighted. Mattel should be ecstatic."

Starring Margo Robbie (The Wolf of Wall Street, Tonya, Babylon) and Ryan Gosling (The Notebook, La La Land) and directed by Greta Gerwig the American actress, screenwriter, and director (Little Women, Lady Bird).

But don't rely on the critics, come see for yourselves and make up your own minds. We are also adding in a Barbie and Ken look-alike competition, Barbie

cakes and delicious ices from Lime Tree Larder in Ayrshire, with prosecco for the adults and fizz for youngsters. A fun evening is promised for all!

The evening is made possible thanks to Film Hub Scotland- so a big thanks to them and to INDY Cinema Group.

And for your diaries – all films below start at 7:30pm in The Carrick Centre, Maybole, KA19 7DE:



Friday 20th October - The Unlikely Pilgrimage of Harold Fry with the wonderful Jim Broadbent

Friday 24th November - Indiana Jones and the Dial of Destiny starring Harrison Ford and Phoebe Waller-Bridge.

Friday 22nd December - the classic film The Red Shoes starring, amongst others, dancers Moira Shearer and Robert Helpman- the perfect way to start Christmas!

Friday 19th January - from British film director Chris Foggin a film to cheer you and remind you of summer holidays; a love letter to Cornwall called 'Fisherman's Friends'.

Check out the Carrick Cinema Club Facebook or the Carrick Centre's own page for more news and come along to join in the fun!



Film Hub
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Medieval magic in Maybole!



A great day had by all learning about local history

Saturday 15th July saw Maybole's Glebe Park host the first Robert the Bruce Heritage Day.

This July is 749 years since Robert the Bruce was born in nearby Turnberry, and North Carrick celebrated in style!

The glebe was transformed for the day, with a medieval tented village with lots of local businesses and community groups with amazing produce and activities – including crafts with Girlguiding Ayrshire South and CRAG Community Arts, traditional weaving workshops with Maybole Regeneration Project, and countless stalls with sweet treats and homemade gifts! Local charities enjoyed a lovely day networking and fundraising!



Kids got involved with interactive battles with History Matters



Aileen Robertson School of Highland Dancing showed off their world class skills on stage

The music stage hosted live music from tribal drummers Clann An Drumma, local musicians Glen Park Ceilidh band, and stunning vocals from Shannon Sockell Bryden, as well as incredible performances from Aileen Robertson School of Highland Dancing and local magician Fabulous Fraser!



King Robert the Bruce event made an appearance

The arena played host to the fantastic living historians from History Matters Ltd and entertained families all day with interactive history demonstrations! King of Scots Robert the Bruce himself even joined us for the day, and was delighted to award the winners of the event's Art Competition! Later in the afternoon, Owl-Magic also thrilled the audience flying their stunning birds of prey.

North Carrick Community Benefit Company had plenty of information about Bruce's time in the area, and a very special guest – Margaret, a specialist medieval calligrapher who made beautiful bookmarks for visitors!



We were even joined by a specialist medieval calligrapher



Jodie and Simon

The team would like to thank North Carrick Community Benefit Company - who made the event possible with funding, but also through recruiting the Events Development team who brought you the event! The team is made up of passionate local people who are really enjoying working to bring the community together to

celebrate our rich heritage, grow the local tourism economy and provide fun family events for South Ayrshire residents!



Tribal drummers
Clan An Drumma rang
out across Maybole

Thanks also go to the event's other funders and supporters - including Maybole Regeneration Project, the Scottish Government and Destination South Ayrshire. Thanks also to North Carrick Sports Hub for the use of the pavilion and field.

In the evening, NCCBC and Thriving Communities hosted a DJ night on the big stage for local young people - which they named 'Gaff at the Glebe!' - a great night was had by all.



Weaving station with MRP

Over the coming months the team will be announcing more events as part of the Bruce 750 programme! We plan bring an even bigger Bruce Heritage Day to Maybole next July to mark 750 years since the birth of King Robert the Bruce, in North Carrick. Make sure to follow the below and you won't miss any of the next exciting events! @Bruce750 on Facebook, Instagram and X (Twitter)!

If you would like to get involved as a volunteer at future events, please let the team know via email - hello@bruce750.scot



Local children helped in advance with decorations for around the event

Thank you to NCCBC and our other supporters.



Ready, Set, Grow!

The Carrick Community Food Garden continues its success; providing food to our community partners and educational opportunities for our youth, all within an environment that is based on mutual respect, aligned goals and unwavering commitment. All of which wouldn't be possible without our amazing volunteers! The CCFG welcomes new volunteers, Jill, Carol, Dylan, Rick, Lisa V., Gerard, and Callum. *Teamwork definitely makes the dream work!*

Our efforts this summer have seen the following accomplishments:

- *Planting a pumpkin, sunflower, corn patch. Home to Hironimus!*
- *Showcasing the Community Garden at the 2023 Maybole Heritage Day Event.*
- *Giving our local primary students a glimpse of your efforts in maintaining the Garden by having them attend a day of weeding, watering, and planting, followed by making pizza on site with garden grown toppings.*
- *Continued success by Thriving Communities to help others find their niche!*
- *Keeping the Community Food Pantry stocked with fresh fruit and veg for those in need.*
- *Successfully growing cantaloupe, and six different varieties of tomatoes to name just a few of the things we grow. Yummy!*
- *Special Shout out to Helen for the creation of our beautiful wildlife pond. Well Done!*

As the summer ends and we head into Autumn, please join us for an exciting day of old fashion Apple Pressing! **Saturday, October 7th, from 11am till 1pm.**

The South Ayrshire Smallholders Association will be bringing their apple press to the Carrick Community Food Garden for our **2nd Annual APPLE DAY!**

Bring along any apples you have to make fresh apple juice, along with empty containers to take your apple juice home!

Don't worry if you don't have any apples – you can still take part in the fun!

Activities will Include:

Washing apples, chopping, pressing, bottling, recycling the apple pulp

This is a great chance to explore the gardens, find out what we do year-round, and see if you would like to get involved.

Gardening Tip: to protect your seedlings and transplants from the cold weather put a thick layer of composite and mulch in your garden to keep everything warm!

CCFG would like to thank and say goodbye to our chief gardener, Patsy McCallum, as she departs the community garden for new adventures. Patsy has been a driving force since the community garden's inception in 2020. Her dedication, commitment and tireless efforts have greatly contributed to the success of the CCFG. She will be missed, but her legacy will live on through the incredible foundation she has laid.



Follow us on Facebook:
www.facebook.com/CarrickCommunityFoodGarden.
Or come along to the garden on Wednesdays and Thursdays between 11am and 2pm at 28 Allen's Hill Maybole, KA19 7AU (behind the car park of Our Lady & St. Cuthbert's)

"Volunteering is the ultimate exercise in democracy... when you volunteer, you vote everyday about the kind of community you want to live in."

Martin Luther King, Jr.

NEED A LITTLE HELP WITH GAS OR ELECTRIC?



In the final part of our Cost of Living project, NCCBC will be handing out **£15.00 Vouchers** that can be redeemed at certain outlets for gas and electric prepayment meter top-ups. Anyone in need will be invited to collect a voucher from one of the pop-ups that we will run across North Carrick - for one day only on **Tuesday 10th October.**

Be sure to like and follow **@Improving North Carrick** on Facebook, and **@improvingnc** on Instagram to see updates including full details of:

POP UP TIMES

POP UP LOCATIONS

HOW TO REDEEM YOUR VOUCHER

We will also share the info through other community pages.

If you do not use social media but wish to receive information please email admin@nccbc.org.uk

We have all been affected by the cost of living crisis and while we can't reach everyone but we hope to have reached a wide section of the area with this project.

So far in this project we have given out:

- A bag to every school child with suncream (as we had hoped for a warmer summer!), a drinks flask, and a £10.00 Primark voucher.
- 1000 knit your own caterpillar draught excluder kits. Thanks to Libby's Handbags for supporting this project.
- 1000 ready-made draught excluders for the non-knitters.
- 1000 energy saving techy bags at popup events.

The gas and electric vouchers will be the final step in NCCBC's Cost of Living Project. Special thanks go to the volunteers who packed the goodie bags, to Gill for coordinating, and to Claire for organising and running pop ups across all our communities.

North Carrick Summer Programme

70 young people registered for the recent summer activities programme from the various schools located within North Carrick. The programme ran over the school summer holidays and during the weekends.

The programme was held mostly in the Carnegie Building in Maybole with various outings to other venues like, Dolphin House, Maidens Beach, Flip Out and Dumfries.

The various activities included attending The Youth Beatz Festival, conducting STEM experiments, a drama project, a day at Maidens Beach, the Maybole Regeneration Tile Design Project, cooking, and trips to Dolphin House and Flip Out!

During the Summer Activities Programme, the young people who attended the drama project and the Regeneration Tile Design Project worked towards getting their HI 5 award; in total eight awards will be handed out to the young people! Well done to all!

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NOTE TO OUR READERSPlease submit all articles as early as possible to assist us with preparing the newsletters. We appear to receive most copy on the final week of the deadline which means we are inundated with stories but we want to make you all aware that we can accept articles during the 3 months between deadlines so please do not feel the need to wait until the deadline approaches. **Please send us your story the earlier the better! Thank you.**

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1st Crosshill

2023's County Camp - "Girls Are Doing It For Themselves" - took place 12th -14th May with six Crosshill Guides attending and achieving their Bronze Award and three 'Interest Badges'. It was a fabulous and fun filled camp where girls had the chance to try lots of exciting activities!

As we neared the end of June we had an evening lighting colander fires, making s'mores, toffee apples and singing campfire songs. For our end of term outing we had a lovely evening bowling at LA Bowl followed by a trip to Renaldo's - finishing off at the Ayr Beach Park.

This year we had a Leader, two Rangers and one Guide join Guides and Leaders from 2nd, 3rd and 16th Ayr on a trip to Adelboden in beautiful Switzerland. This trip was originally planned for 2020 so was long awaited!

On Friday 4th of August at 4.30am our bus finally departed from Ayr and we were at last on our way! On route through England, we stopped to pick up a group of Rangers who were also going to Adelboden to do their Gold Duke of Edinburgh.

While in Adelboden the girls had the opportunity to take part in some fabulous activities such as bowling, zip-wiring, high ropes, tobogganing and Lake

Oeschinen, swimming in the open-air pool, a trip up the Jungfrau funicular up to the summit of the Neisen, hike through Choleren Gorge,

shopping in Interlaken and - of course - a visit to the guide world centre, 'Our Chalet'. Travelling around the area; we used local buses and trains, had many cable car rides, and walks in the stunning countryside. The trip was a fantastic experience and Crosshill girls will have wonderful memories of their time in Switzerland, and new friends to stay in touch with.

1st Crosshill Guides and Rangers meet on a Wednesday evening at Crosshill Community Centre. If you are interested in Guiding as a young member or a volunteer please get in touch! We would love to start a Brownie Unit but need more volunteers to make this possible.

Visit:
www.girlguidingscotland.org.uk/get-involved/



Straiton News

"We'll weather the weather whatever the weather, whether we like it or not."

And that is where the Straiton News will start this time. May was a pretty good month with less than average rainfall and ten dry days. That continued into June which was hot and dry for the first half before becoming wet and cooler, a forerunner for July when there was a total of three dry days and the highest July rainfall in seven years.

Straiton Show fortunately was in the hot, dry phase and it was a beautiful day for everyone although perhaps a bit hot for the animals. Show Day teas had been in the hands of The Guild for many years but this year we gratefully passed them on to The McCandlish Hall committee who provided a sumptuous and delicious feast at a very modest cost. Both the teas and the plant stall, run by the Guild, were very successful and members of the hall committee and the Guild were delighted at the support from the community in raising funds for two worthy causes.



At the end of June the church sponsored walk took place after a three year break due to covid. Despite the dreich wet evening an intrepid crowd of walkers completed the five mile trail and they were welcomed back in the hall with tea and fine fare, finishing off with cake to celebrate the golden wedding anniversary of Gerald and Jenny Bacon. Although there had been no let up from the rain there was no dampener on the spirits of those present and a most enjoyable and successful evening was had by all.

The McCandlish Hall was successful in its bid for lottery funding to help pay for new windows. As part of their other fund raising efforts the committee jumped at the chance to run the shearing competition at Bennan Farm on the 19th of August which proved to be a huge success. Shearers came from all the "airts and pairts" to take part, even from far-flung Shropshire. Winners of the speed shear were Grant Hurcomb, Will Dale and Dennis O'Sullivan for the seniors, while the junior/intermediate winners were Murray McHarg, Thomas Scott and Katy Gardner. The committee extends many thanks to host farmers Steven and Louise Dunlop who had done a fantastic job preparing for the event.

Taekwondo has been added to the activities which take place in the hall and this is on every second Sunday.

Looking forward, The McCandlish Hall will be one of the venues for a performance of "Frankenstein" by Northumberland Theatre Co on the 10th September. The Harvest Lunch will also be hosted by the committee after the Harvest Thanksgiving Service on Sunday 1st October.

The Straiton Environment Group has completed the following list of projects being funded by NCCBC as part of the Community Projects Fund.

- 1. Maintaining the village planters which have looked superb again this year.*
- 2. The school polytunnel was constructed along with ground membrane. The first summer has produced some excellent produce having been maintained by volunteers over the holidays. This has been a highly successful collaboration with the Primary School.*
- 3. The Hall clock work was undertaken by Cumbria Clock Company. The clock was removed, serviced and the stonework and surrounds were improved. Unfortunately on return the clock almost immediately stopped but the company has agreed to carry out the necessary remedial work.*
- 4. Two new metal picnic sets were purchased and then installed by SAC and old sets removed. Users have been very complimentary.*
- 5. The Bespoke noticeboard has been secured adjacent to the shop.*
- 6. In addition, a bench has been procured and a plaque commemorating local resident Bruce, is in the process of completion.*

We have achieved everything we set out to do, and thanks to various people who were noted in the official completion form.

Finally, on the 20th August we were delighted to see the vintage tractors trundling through Straiton where they were driven into the show field for the drivers to have their lunch break. Many fond memories were stirred by the spectacle as we remembered the changeover from horses on the farms to tractors and nobody complained about church being late because our minister was held up by the procession!





Carrick History Society

News



We were fortunate to have been awarded funding from NCCBC and Maytag this year. This has enabled us to get the infrastructure in place for our new website and to acquire some equipment for upcoming projects. We have continued to be present in Maybole Library on Mondays and have been involved with the recent Maidens World Oceans Day and Bruce Events. We are also working in partnership with South Ayrshire Council on a Community Curators project that will see permanent historical exhibits within our libraries. Please do keep an eye on our website and social media pages for news on our upcoming syllabus. And why not help us by joining as a member?

Simon Glendenning, August 2023

Have you visited our new website?

Our new website launched this year thanks to NCCBC, Maytag and Accelerate.

The website contains brief histories of all Carrick towns and villages as well as pictures and information. There is a news and events section so you can keep up to date with past and future activities.

As well as containing all this information, the website enables people to support the society by joining as a member. Members can get access to a member only area containing even more pictures and original pieces of historical research.

Why not join as a member today?

Visit www.carrickhistory.scot

Volunteers Wanted!

Our Secretary, James Brown is moving to another role within The Society and we have a vacancy within our core team.

**Do you have an interest in the history of Carrick?
Are you a historian or history student?
Do you want to learn more about the rich history of our area?**

This might be the role for you!

As Secretary, you will assist the other members of the board monitoring communications as well as taking minutes from meetings. You will also be involved with shaping the delivery of our activities. We are also looking for someone who could run our Social Media pages and carry out some marketing. If you want to know more, or think you could be an ideal fit, please send an email to chair@carrickhistory.scot

Community Curators

We have been working with South Ayrshire Council's new Heritage Outreach Officer, Kate Lapping to deliver a new Library scheme. The Community Curators project will see the public taking part in choosing artefacts, pictures and stories that will be included in a permanent exhibition at Maybole Library. This will then be rolled out to all Ayrshire Libraries and will end with a large temporary exhibition tying the various histories together. This has been a great opportunity for people to design their own exhibition and tell their own stories. Keep an eye on our website and Social Media pages to stay up to date with workshop times.



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