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Closing date for funding rounds are as follows:

Friday 11th April for review early May
Friday 11th July for review early August
Friday 10th October for review November

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Fisherton Primary School



RIGHTS RESPECTING SCHOOLS AWARD – SILVER ACCREDITATION

We are delighted to have been awarded our Silver Rights Respecting School Award in December. The RRS Committee work very hard to ensure everyone in our school community know about Children's Rights. We are already excited to work towards Gold!

RED BAG FULL OF JOY

Children from our RRS Committee decided they wanted to do more to support local charities. They led the school in taking part in The Night Before Christmas's 'Red Bag Full of Joy' campaign. Two of our amazing P5s enjoyed a trip to Ayr to drop off our donations. A huge thank you to our families and staff for the donations.

CHRISTMAS SHOW

We are so proud of all our wonderful children who performed as part of our Christmas Show at Fisherton Church. The P1-P4s told the story of the first Christmas through the nativity 'Away in a Manger' and the P5-P7s looked at the story through a comedy lens by writing and performing some skits! We are sad to say that it was our last nativity in the church – we have loved performing our Christmas shows in this beautiful building.



SCIENCE DAY WITH MAIDENS PRIMARY

Children enjoyed a day of Science when we went to join our friends at Maidens Primary. We had an exciting show from the Science Centre about how oxygen travels around the body and we took part in practical Science experiences in the classrooms.

SCOTTISH POETRY COMPETITION

Children from the EYC up to P7 learned Scottish poems and our finalists recited these at our Scottish Poetry Competition. A big thank you to our judges and a huge well done to our winners!

EYC – Ayla
P1 – Calum
P2 – Anna
P3 – Lucy
P4 – Riley
P5 – Katie
P6 – Jake
P7 – Otis



INTERNET SAFETY

PC McGinley visited P4-P7 to give a talk about staying safe online as part of lessons around Internet Safety Day.



Culzean Primary News

Culzean Primary Choir

The choir have been very busy lately. They performed Hold On at the campus official opening ceremony and joined with St Cuthberts to sing Touch The Sky. Over the festive period, they sang at the Campus Christmas Fayre where they performed a selection of Christmas Songs. They then performed at the Carrick loves Christmas event. The choir are currently rehearsing for the Maybole Concert Series, and they are very excited to be performing with their peers from St Cuthberts Primary and Carrick Academy.

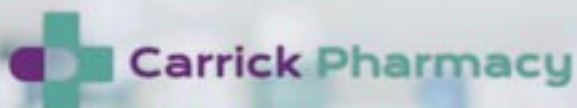
Royal Navy Stem - By Oliver and Lily

Primary 5 & 7 recently enjoyed a visit from the Royal Navy STEM team. They set up lots of Science and Technology activities for us to explore. We had to build a bridge by following instructions. We had to make sure the bridge was strong enough to walk on and to go under. After that we used the Sphero's. Sphero's are a type of robot, and you control them with an iPad. They were lots of fun and we had to navigate them through an obstacle course. If we hit an obstacle, we had to do press ups! Later we had a Q&A session to find out about life on a submarine.

Wicked Wednesday

Primary 6 have been raising money to pay for a trip to the cinema to see the film Wicked. We brainstormed lots of ideas and came up with the idea of Wicked Wednesday. Over 2 Wednesdays we invited all the classes to come to the P6 classrooms and, for a small donation, take part in some Wicked Activities. We had nail painting, colouring, games, cookies and friendship bracelets. On Friday 6th December we set off to The Astoria Cinema in Ayr to watch Wicked. When we arrived, we treated the staff and other patrons to a rendition of We're off to see the Wizard and One Short Day in the Emerald City. Then it was in to see the film and it was amazing!





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With spring approaching the Galloway & Southern Ayrshire Biosphere will soon be revitalised with colour and

the wonderful soundscapes created by wildlife, rivers, and the busy workings of rural life. The UNESCO region's natural heritage and sense of place are key to its international status, and spring months are some of the best times to experience these.

March 3rd is World Wildlife Day, an annual United Nations awareness campaign celebrating wild animals and plants and what they give to people and planet. The UNESCO Biosphere includes

organisations including VASA and The Conservation Volunteers. Ayrshire's Green Health app has a directory of nature-based activities and volunteering opportunities from cycling to community gardening, and publishes a bi-annual calendar packed with ideas for what to see and do month-by-month. As part of their work with partners the Biosphere team have delivered Green Health workshops for Ayrshire College students, with community workshops now underway as well. Look out too for Blue Health activities – it's an ancient wellness tradition to head to the coast to recuperate and rejuvenate, and North Carrick is geographically perfectly placed to make the most of both colours! The Biosphere team tested the new South Ayrshire Snorkel Trail over winter, which the word "bracing" was inadequate to describe; a great adventure though, for a warm spring day.



outstanding habitats – many of which are exceptionally rare – and several of Scotland's most iconic species. Some are designated 'High Focus', those that the GSA Biosphere Partnership has identified as being under greatest threat, including black grouse, water vole and brown trout, blanket and raised bog.

Even if we may never encounter these particular species and sites in real life, the nature on our doorstep is where we can all play a part in conservation. The Biosphere team are encouraging everyone to take up nature recording using the iNaturalist mobile phone app. No prior knowledge is required; one photo is all it takes, and plants, insects, birds, trees – any organism can be recorded, plus scat, tracks, even molehills! Every photo uploaded helps create a picture of the UNESCO Biosphere's wildlife and habitats and helps spotlight where species are under pressure, or where they are thriving. This in turn focuses conservation projects in the areas they are needed most.

Spending time outdoors doing citizen science inspires greater understanding of environmental issues; it's also fantastic for physical wellbeing and mental health. The GSAB Partnership is a member of South Ayrshire's Green Health & Leisure (GHAL) partnership alongside NHS Ayrshire & Arran, South Ayrshire Ranger Service, and a range of local

For anyone unable to explore outdoors or disinclined to access the wilder parts of the UNESCO Biosphere, the GSAB Partnership has created a short documentary film introducing its ecologically precious Core Areas. Heart of the Biosphere: A Year in the Life of Merrick-Kells & Silver Flowe was screened at the Carrick Centre in Maybole at the beginning of the year, and with over 150 free tickets claimed this proved to be one of the best-attended events in Biosphere history. Most recently the team have been invited by Ayr Film Society to show Heart of the Biosphere as part of their special event marking Earth Hour on 27th March, when it will screen alongside the feature-length rewilding documentary Why Not Scotland? at Ayr Town Hall.

Booking for this event is open now on Ayr Film Society's website, and Heart of the Biosphere is available on request for communities, schools and special interest groups to screen locally, at zero cost.

The GSA Biosphere Partnership is a registered Scottish charity (SC044137) and more information about their activity programme (including further details on all the above) is available at www.gsabiosphere.org.uk, or by emailing info@gsabiosphere.org.uk.



Celebrating 40 Years of Service: The McKinstry Company's Commitment to Clients and Community

As The McKinstry Company celebrates 40 years, we reflect on a legacy of dedication to our clients and the communities we serve across Scotland. Founded in October 1984, the firm has grown from a single-practitioner operation into a leading legal practice with 40 staff members across Ayr, Girvan, and Dalry.

Growing Across Ayrshire

Over the past four decades, The McKinstry Company has expanded organically and through key acquisitions, most recently integrating the well-established North Ayrshire firm, James Patrick & Muir, in 2022. This growth strengthens our ability to serve a diverse client base, including individuals, businesses, and community organisations.

Reflecting on the firm's evolution over the past four decades, Managing Partner, Robert Honeyman remarked,

"Our continued success is rooted in the hard work and dedication of our colleagues, along with the loyalty of our clients. We are incredibly grateful to everyone who has supported us on this journey, and we remain committed to providing the highest level of service to our clients and contributing positively to the communities we serve."



Chairman Andrew Seigh and Partners Colin Duck, Kirsty Leitch, Thiona McQuiston, Debbie Dunlop and Robert Honeyman

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Celebrations and Community Engagement

This anniversary isn't just about business milestones; it's about our team, clients, and community. To mark the occasion, we hosted a gala at Lochgreen House Hotel, celebrating with loyal clients whose support has been integral to our journey. Our team also enjoyed a commemorative trip to Malaga, strengthening the close bonds that drive our success.

In gratitude for our community, we're partnering with Ayrshire Cancer Support, Diabetes UK, and RNLI Girvan over the next year. From charity events to fundraising challenges, we aim to make a meaningful impact, continuing our tradition of giving back.

Looking to the Future

As The McKinstry Company looks forward to the next chapter in its history, the firm's leadership remains committed to innovation, growth, and the continued provision of exceptional service to its clients.

As The McKinstry Company marks 40 years of success, it does so with a profound sense of gratitude to its clients, colleagues, and the local community. The firm's journey over the past four decades has been one of growth, adaptation, and commitment to excellence.

Here's to another 40 years of success, service, and community engagement!



Team-building trip bringing colleagues together in Malaga

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Bfriend was delighted to showcase our work at our first big community event on Tuesday 11th February at @48 in Newmarket Street in Ayr. We welcomed many young people with their families, dedicated funders, community



partners and the public, to enjoy a wonderfully tasty brunch. It was a chance to meet the staff team, our young people and volunteers who help make our Project special. Attendees had the opportunity to hear all about our history and the current work that we do as well as take part in activities including face painting, crafts and games. Music was provided by the talented Drew McClinton and two raffles were on offer to win some amazing prizes including a 4-ball at the Portland course in Troon.

The team were thrilled to meet one of our original founders Mrs Elise McGowan

who was pleased to hear all about the progress the Project has made in the last 29 years.

It was a fantastic turnout, and we now look forward to planning a bigger celebration for our 30-year anniversary in 2026!

Carrick Cinema Club

Carrick Cinema Club has some great films coming up for the 2025 Season. All films shown at the Carrick Centre, Maybole, KA19 7DE. Start time 7:30pm. Tickets £5 Cash.

Friday March 21

The Outrun - nominated for a BAFTA for Outstanding British Film. After living life on the edge in London, Rona, following rehab for a drinking problem, attempts to come to terms with her troubled past. She returns to the wild beauty of Scotland's Orkney Islands where she grew up, hoping to heal. Saoirse Ronan is "mesmerizing". Cert 15



Friday April 25

Fly Me to the Moon. Starring Scarlett Johansson and Channing Tatum, a sharp, stylish comedy-drama set against the high-stakes backdrop of NASA's historic Apollo 11 moon landing. Brought in to fix NASA's

public image, sparks fly in all directions as marketing maven Kelly Jones (Johansson) wreaks havoc on launch director Cole Davis's (Tatum) already difficult task. When the White House deems the mission too important to fail, Jones is directed to stage a fake moon landing as back-up and the countdown truly begins Comedy and romance Cert 15



Friday May 23

Gladiator II Great British Director Ridley Scott's sequel. A former Roman General seeks revenge against the corrupt Emperor who killed his family and sent him into slavery. Violence is strong and bloody but occurs in the historical context of gladiator fights. Cert 15.





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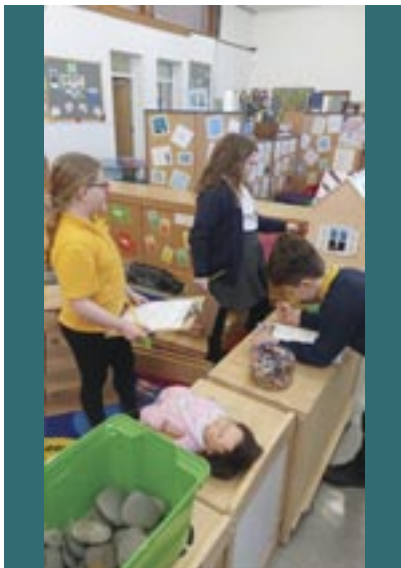
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Minishant Primary School Update

Class 1 have been using Literacy and ICT skills to write a recount of our 'Storm Day' on Microsoft Word. Pupils reflected on how they felt during the storm and shared their experiences with the class. Using Microsoft Word's tools, they experimented with changing font styles, sizes, and colours. Everyone enjoyed hearing each other's stories.

Over the past month, we have been exploring tartan designs in our art lessons. We created unique tartan patterns using technology, different materials, and by painting on various colours of paper. Everyone is very proud of their creations and the progress they have made.

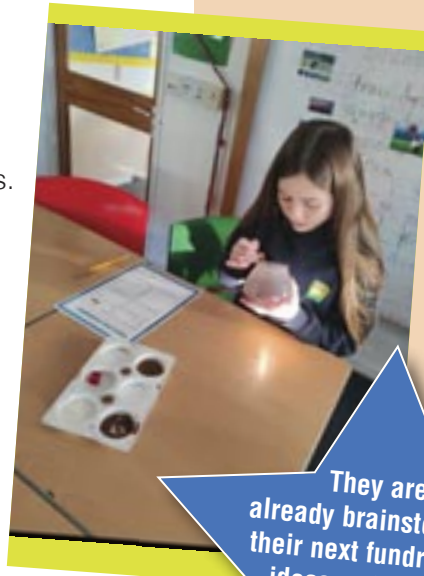
In Science, we have been investigating materials and their properties. Pupils went on a material hunt around the school, describing the textures, appearances, and uses of the materials they found. It was a fun experience!



Class 2 have also been learning about evaporation, including experiments to see how quickly substances like chocolate powder, coffee, and jelly evaporate. Additionally, we explored light refraction, making rainbows using water and CDs to split the light into a spectrum of colours. Pupils then learned about how our eyes work and the different parts of the eye.

Minishant Social and Leisure Group secured funding through the NCCBC to run a 'Willow Project' with David Powell from CRAG Arts. David will work with all our pupils to plan, design, and create willow structures in the Minishant woodland walk. As well as

the Willow Project our pupils will be getting outdoors more to engage in outdoor learning so please look out for some photographs in future NCCBC editions of this Newsletter and come and say hello if you see us out and about.



They are already brainstorming their next fundraising ideas and we will keep you updated!

The P7's went bag packing at Asda last week and along with Crosshill P7's raised an amazing £254.92 for their residential trip!



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Carrick History Society's First Conference

On 12 April 2025, Carrick History Society will be hosting their very first conference on the subject of Women's History in Carrick. Rather than being the usual kind of history conference, this one will not just include talks but playlets, displays and a hands-on workshop during lunch about 'Wummin's Work'.

Chair, Simon Glendenning, said: "I am delighted to say that I am responsible for the theme of our very first conference. It has always annoyed me that Women have historically not been recognised in the history books. There have been two women in particular who's stories are astonishing, and I get quite excited telling people about them! I've also had the opportunity to speak to relatives of one woman in particular who was well-known in Maybole in the 1960s. Who would that be I hear you ask? Well, you'll have to buy a ticket and find out for yourself!"

'Carrick's Women in History' is taking place at The Carrick Centre, Maybole on 12 April 2025 10am-4pm. Tickets are £25 each (lunch is included) and the full programme can be viewed on the Eventbrite listing by scanning the QR code or by searching 'Carrick History Society' on Eventbrite. All monies raised from ticket sales will be used to further the work of Carrick History Society. For more information, email chair@carrickhistory.scot

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CARRICK'S WOMEN IN HISTORY

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NCCBC Annual General Meeting 2025

The AGM was held in Dunure's Kennedy Hall at the beginning of February. Company members gave a generally positive response to NCCBC's recent work and proposals for changes in future. This was despite one member's determination to criticise how the organisation is run and make personal attacks on the Chairperson and another member's attack on Scottish Power Renewables' handling of the damage caused by Storm Éowyn. The latter being particularly pointless since it is Scottish Power Energy Network and not Scottish Power Renewables that is responsible for repairing electricity supplies.

Presentations on the night included a brief summary of NCCBC's annual accounts with the full accounts having been sent out to members previously. There was also information on some recently completed NCCBC projects including the successful Arts and Augmented Reality Trail – new Bruce-themed art installations in Maybole and 8 villages, with accompanying app, and the Flat above the Gatherings on Maybole High Street, which is finally completed and ready for a tenant to move in. And the presentation highlighted some of the larger projects that NCCBC is aware will come forward for funding this year.

Scottish Power Renewables' Stakeholder & Community Manager spoke to the meeting and applauded the approach that NCCBC takes to its grant making. He confirmed that SPR is using NCCBC as an example to be followed by Community Benefit organisations in the UK and further afield.

2025 marks 10 years since NCCBC was formed. That being the case, the Directors had arranged to have a report done on the company's social and economic impact. That report will be available soon and the author highlighted some of the key findings.

The next stage is for Directors to take the finding of the Impact Report into account whilst it reviews NCCBC's funding policies and procedures. Any changes that come from that review will be publicised in due course.

Stuart Lindsay
NCCBC Development Manager



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Community Learning & Development – aims to support people in North Carrick to upskill themselves with a driving licence – opening them up to more opportunities for employment and further education. *Well done Simon!*

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BEAM

Introducing BEAM (Building-Empowerment-Adventure-Mentorship)

BEAM is a new youth & community focused business set up to help support schools and communities with alternative outdoor learning and creative programs to empower young people throughout our communities.

Founder & CEO Fergus Blair is really pleased to be back in Maybole and working with the Academy, he says; "Being personally responsible for setting up the new KA19 Youth Hub in Maybole over 2024 and working closely with the Academy to create a new Maybole Youth Board, I'm really happy to be back in Maybole and work again with the town's young people to create long lasting positive outcomes for all.

We are just starting a 10-week program organised by Craig McPike - Deputy Head at Carrick Academy, starting with S4 pupils, focusing on community projects, survival skills and adventurous activities.



Carrick Coastal Rowing Club News

Carrick Coastal Rowing Club based in Maidens are getting ready for the Skiffle World Championships being held in Stranraer in July 2025. They have joined forces with other local clubs in Ayrshire and formed Ailsa Coastal Rowing Group – to add strength and versatility to challenge the worlds!

If you wish to come along and have a taster row at Carrick Coastal Rowing Club – the next date is 26/4 – and no experience necessary. Email us or come and join the CCRC and have a chat in the boathouse in Maidens – drop us a line carrickcoastalayrshire@gmail.com or FB message.

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North Carrick Community Choir

Thinking of getting out of the house and trying something new? Why not come along and join in at our monthly community choir held on the first Tuesday of every month 2pm - 3pm, The Carrick Centre, Maybole. Tea, coffee and a chat available afterwards too. Our inclusive choir is open to all, especially those living with dementia or any other health condition. No need to be a singer as all welcome. We look forward to meeting you!



North Carrick COMMUNITY Choir



Choir will meet the 1st Tuesday of every month

The Carrick Centre, Maybole.

All welcome, especially those living with dementia or other conditions.

Come alone, bring a friend, family member or carer.

Singer or not, please come along and enjoy a sing along.

Refreshments provided. No booking required.

Official Opening of Maybole Community Campus

Official Opening of Maybole Community Campus by Culzean Primary pupils – David & John

On Thursday 21st November our fabulous campus was finally officially opened in front of an audience of invited guests and our families. It was opened by Councillor Grant who is South Ayrshire's Education Portfolio holder and Jenny Gilruth who is the MSP responsible for Education.

The evening was started by The Maybole Pipe Band and was followed by performances by the choirs from Culzean Primary and St Cuthberts, dancers from Carrick Academy as well as an instrumental group from Carrick. The Maybole Pipe Band then closed the evening.

After the ceremony we spoke to Councillor Grant who told us he was, 'very impressed with our fabulous new facilities and he was sure that it would contribute to delivering high quality learning experiences.'

We then spoke to Mrs. McRoberts who is the Director of Education who said our new campus was, 'Absolutely fabulous!' She also said, 'it's wonderful to see it completed after watching it progress from paper plans to an actual, state of the art space that will deliver amazing opportunities for all our young people'.

Finally, we spoke to the leader of the council, Councillor Dowie. He told us, 'I am delighted to see the Maybole Community Campus open. It is absolutely brilliant, and it will provide opportunities for all the community. The sports facilities and all the learning spaces are amazing.' He also told us, 'It has been a great night, and I have been very impressed by the wide range of talents from across the campus that have been on display tonight.'

WINTER WINDS, STORMY SANDS

From Beachcomber

The wind howls down the Kyles of Bute, over the Firth of Clyde and rams into the Carrick coast. It especially leaves its autograph on the Maidens sands.

The patterns change within metres, transforming from zigzag to what seems like twisted twine.

Sometimes the sculpted sands are footprints.

Other times, they're fish scales.

The tapestry is never the same. The so-called Hunger Wind from the north (*named by fishermen because it stops the daily catch*), changes direction, speed and intensity through the late winter days. Another blast and these patterns disappear. Gone with the wind, so to speak.

Above this battered beach, the Scots pines reach for

a sudden clearing sky. Trees stretch and turn for the light. It's not a silent wood. It's noisy. A real racket. There is no other sound like the fury of a storm as branches whistle overhead like loose halyards off a mast. The wind releases vigorous scents too-sharp ocean salt tangled with pungent pine.

On the other end of the beach, the roaring storm can pound ports such as in Maidens.





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Maidens Primary Burns Supper

Miss Sanderson and our P5,6,7 class enjoyed hosting our whole school Burns Supper. Pupils recited poetry, sang songs and enjoyed some traditional Scottish dancing. Everyone enjoyed a delicious lunch of haggis, neeps and tatties.



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January has passed, Candlemas Day has passed, and the days are lengthening.

"Spring stands at the gate with her finger on the latch."
(Patience Strong)

Apologies to Peter Clapton who served with the Scots Guards, not the Scots Greys as was reported in the last newsletter. On Remembrance Sunday Peter lays a wreath for the Scots Guards and in memory of Lieutenant Colonel James Hunter Blair who served with the Scots Fusilier Guards, renamed the Scots Guards in 1877 by Queen Victoria herself. At his own expense James Hunter Blair chartered a boat to join the British Army at the time of the Crimean War. He was mortally wounded at the Battle of Inkerman in November 1854 and, such was his standing within the community that a monument was built to commemorate him – the monument which stands above Straiton and is a focal point of the area for walkers and photographers alike.

The Christmas Fayre took place in the hall in November with a good variety of stalls with lots of tempting wares. Members of the church and community provided the welcome teas which, as always, featured tasty sandwiches and delicious home-baking.



The guild welcomed Tanina Stubley from The Carrick Centre to the November meeting when she spoke about the many and varied activities which take place there.



Then, in December we had the AGM. Before the business meeting tribute was paid to former member, Hugh McConnachie, a quiet-spoken, unassuming gentleman and retired minister whose faith was an inspiration to all.

Afterwards a delicious afternoon tea, catered by The Dairy Corner in Maybole, was served. January brought the author, Marion Husband, who regaled us with how she started out on her journey to become the successful writer that she is today. There was a lot going on in December with a consultation on whether a bid to start up pétanque would be supported by the community.

Then the big news that the Scottish Land Fund had awarded a grant towards the buying of The Buck and adjoining house. The remainder of the funds required will be provided by NCCBC. It is hoped that work on the property will begin soon.

In the meantime, it is goodbye and thank you to Arno and Rolinke who have rented the house and coffee shop for the past few years.

The school is always the weathervane for Christmas and started off the celebrations with their Christmas Show – The MacTivity – the familiar Christmas story with a Scottish twist. Tea, coffee and delicious home baking was served afterwards and, of course, there was a raffle! Santa had also visited before the show so, all in all, a busy night for the young cast.

Then there was the traditional afternoon of community carol singing at the school with tea, coffee and cakes afterwards. And to bring a fitting end to the term there was the Christmas service in the church.

The usual Christmas service took place in the church with gifts of toys being donated to The Night before Christmas, a local charity for children who would otherwise receive nothing.

This was followed by a hearty soup and sandwich lunch in the hall with the catering being supplied by the hard-working committee. As always there was a raffle with an abundance of prizes. ♦♦





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Many thanks to the hall committee – you are doing a wonderful job. A very welcome addition to the Christmas spirits was the beautiful decoration of the post box. No- one knew, or no-one was saying who was responsible but everyone was delighted and so very complimentary about the scene. A very warm thank you to the very creative elves!

A new addition to the social scene is the monthly quiz night in The Black Bull which is well attended by quizzers from near and far.

To finish off – the weather, what else! The three months: November, December and January were up to a point quite typical of the winter with some rain, some frost and some snow, but then came Storm Eowyn, gales and power cuts.

Some of us were lucky that we were without power for a mere 34 hours, but others had longer to wait with some only reconnected on the Wednesday, five days after the storm. These are the times when good neighbours come into their own, checking to see that everyone is ok and doing what they can to help.



Straiton News

Community Wellbeing Hub started 2025 with a fantastic wellbeing festival and some good news.

January is always a long, cold, dark month and we were delighted to be able to bring a bit of light to our communities with our "New year, new you" festival.

It was great to see so many people come through the doors to enjoy a series of workshops

including Dub Yoga, Gut Health, Yoga for menopause, and the Celtic Kirtan band. Running alongside we had taster treatments, mindful activities and plenty of tea, cake and social time meeting friends old and new. We are very grateful to everyone who gave their time and skills on the day to make it the success it was, and to Destination South Ayrshire and Asda for their continued support.

We told you all in the last edition of the magazine that we were busy working behind the scenes to secure funding for the continuation and expansion of the Hub's services and we are delighted to announce that all the hard work paid off. We have been lucky enough to secure a fourth year of funding for our adult holistic wellbeing sessions and we are proud that the work in the Hub over the last few years convinced the panel that the project was worthy of another year of support.

We had also been exploring options to add a provision for teenagers, with existing services unable to meet the needs of many young people in the area. We were successful in securing National Lottery funding to bring this new project to life and will be working closely with local schools, community groups and NHS partners to bring this much needed support to the young people in our communities who are struggling most.



Our Friday morning wellbeing group is going great, with people from all backgrounds coming along from 10-12 to enjoy some time for themselves and try out mindful activities in a small supportive group.

Everyone welcome, why not join us.

Great start to 2025 for the Community Wellbeing Hub

Follow us on Facebook at Community Wellbeing Hub CIC to keep up to date with everything going on in 2025.





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Mochrum Angling Club Project Funded



Mochrum Angling Club were awarded a grant of £9821.60 as match funding so they could purchase an accessible boat. This boat will enable less able-bodied people the opportunity to continue or start fishing where they otherwise might not have had the opportunity without this boat. NCCBC is proud to have been a funder in this project and wish the users many happy hours fishing.

Pressing Pause in North Carrick – Exploring a community led approach to tourism

Many communities across Scotland feel tourism happens to them. They do not feel engaged in planning and promotion and some feel overwhelmed for reasons outwith their control whereas others feel they would like to attract more visitors but aren't included in marketing campaigns. Of note, many don't necessarily agree with how their community is being presented by others to the outside world.

SCOTO – the Scottish Community Tourism CIC – has devised a new workshop programme to help communities become much more engaged in tourism and in the driving seat of the planning, development and promotion of tourism in their area.

With generous funding support from ARIA, the Ayrshire Rural and Island Ambition Fund matched by the North Carrick Community Benefit Company, SCOTO spent four days at the beginning of February in and around North Carrick exploring the area and meeting with business and community representatives. SCOTO facilitated half day workshops that initially explored what is and isn't working in tourism in each community and what could be done differently or better.

Carron Tobin from SCOTO commented "Tourism is not what it used to be – we are definitely in a new era where more and more visitors are looking to slow down and meet local people, explore off the beaten track. In parallel, our communities are being empowered to own assets and have a voice and can be in the driving seat when it comes to tourism activity in their area. Press Pause is about exploring this at a community-by-community level."

The workshops helped the assembled locals to reflect on how competent their community is as a visitor destination – considering the current local accommodation offer, features and attractions, activities and experiences, and food and drink options. They also considered their digital presence, what assets they have within their control and how good they are at collaborating with others.

Place branding was next on the agenda – helping each community see themselves as others see them – showcasing how the community is currently marketed by others and exploring how accurate and up to date it actually is. This is an important wake up call for communities to work with SCOTO to consider what has made their community what it is today, and what differentiates it from others. By really understanding local special qualities and sense of place it is then possible to look at what communities can offer to celebrate this, whether its events and festivals, new experiences, walks and trails.

Carron continued "these workshops exposed incredibly valuable insights about each community and North Carrick as a whole. I've known this area since my childhood and can see it is a fascinating mix of coastal villages and rural farming communities but the heritage significance is something that feels like it has got lost and now the communities can be at the heart of reinvigorating this and appealing to the types of visitors that will share that fascination."

"I am pulling the reports together and am very excited about what Press Pause has revealed and the clear opportunities for community led tourism to really take hold in North Carrick. Exciting times ahead."

1st CROSSHILL Guides & Rangers



It's been another busy term for Crosshill Guides & Rangers!

Three of our girls made their TV debut on STV News talking about the new Bruce's Web Arts and Augmented Reality trail, well done to Jessica,

Joyah and Lucy!



On the run up to Christmas we visited the Christmas Markets in Glasgow, and our annual Christmas Movie Night at the hall!

We started the New Year as always with our Big Fat Quiz of the previous year!

We are looking forward to a weekend away at Dolphin House where we will celebrate World Thinking Day 2025. Celebrated since 1926, World Thinking Day is a day of international friendship.



It is an opportunity to celebrate the Girl Guiding and Girl Scouting Movement, speak out on issues that affect young women, and fundraise for 10.8 million Girl Guides and Girl Scouts in 153 countries.



The theme for 2025 is 'Our Story' and the girls will reflect on the symbolism and values of our Movement, exploring what it has meant to be a Girl Guide and Girl

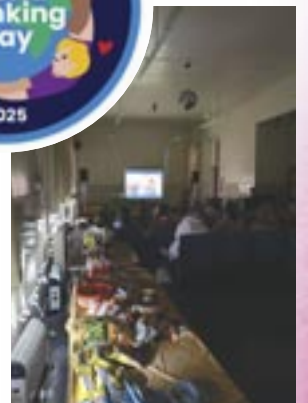
Scout over the years. This includes exploring how we can understand our past in the world today, while supporting girls around the world to feel confident, care about their world and develop the skills needed to make a difference.

On 31st January, Crosshill Rangers were part of a group of 43 Rangers and Leaders from our county and went up to the Kings Theatre in Glasgow to see the touring production of Hairspray the musical, and it did not disappoint! Everyone had a great night!

Our Unit is also looking forward to a busy Spring with County Camp coming up in May at Nether Auchendrane.

Claire, one of the Unit Leaders, is also gearing up for her trip to Sangam, the WAGGGS World Centre in India, where she is travelling with a group of Rangers and leaders from Girlguiding Dumfries and Galloway.

Claire hopes to take girls from Carrick District abroad in the future and is very much looking forward to the adventure!





Maybole Music Nights are back for 2025

It was a great year for entertainment in 2024 with local organisations playing host to the sponsored tribute nights bringing us Steps, Girls Aloud, ABBA and the Spice Girls.

These events were set up to get Maybole Town hall back in use as a top-class events facility whilst keeping gigs affordable to people and the extra bonus was the host organisations were able to fundraise through ticket sales and raffles etc. The local organisations raised in excess of £8000 across the 4 events to help further their ambitions.

This year with a little more time to plan and schedule, we will be bringing you 5 events with the first being hosted by Maybole Events Committee on the 1st of March with Memphis. We will also have the Jersey notes, Jubilee, an Oasis Tribute, and a battle of 3 great local bands to round us off.



Maybole Music Nights 2025
Brings you...

- **1st March - Memphis**
Event Band for all Occasions
- **10th May - Jersey Notes**
Scotland's #1 Tribute to Frankie Valli & The Four Seasons
- **26th July - The Essential Oasis**
Oasis Tribute Band
- **12th Sept - Jubilee**
Country Night
- **8th Nov - Local Bands Night**
Roaring Seas - Earthbound - Splinters

Details on how to buy tickets will be shared prior to each event

Each evening will be hosted by a community group with funds raised being invested into our local area.

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BRUCE'S WEB - as viewed from Brighton

A family from Brighton visiting Carrick to see their relatives contacted the Newsletter to share their experiences of Bruce's Web.

Six-year-old, Ivy gave the whole thing a big thumbs up! She enjoyed the Augmented Reality features in the App, especially the 'flying fishes' at Dunure, and she quickly got hooked into the App's game. The group visited the Bruce's Web sites at Kirkoswald, Turnberry, Maidens, Dunure, and Minishant. They felt that to do the Web justice and enjoy everything around each of the nine sculptures properly, would need two days.

Ivy's Mum, Daisy, said that highlighting nearby businesses and encouraging visitors to go to them to collect stickers was a good idea. She thought a good addition to the Web would be to have rubbing posts at each site so that children could collect images of the sculpture as well as stickers. She added that she couldn't find a way to take photos from within the App and

suggested that adding that as a feature would be a good idea. Another improvement suggested by Ivy's uncle, Liam would be to pin the sites in Google Maps and make a list of the locations that can be shared and accessed by any visitor.

Awareness of the sculptures amongst businesses with sites on their doorstep needs to improve as does the availability of stickers at those businesses.

Callum, Ivy's Dad, summed up their visit, saying "The Web is a really good asset for the area. It encouraged us to visit places we would not have gone to, we learned quite a bit about local history and heritage, and at least one business directly benefited – the great little Café in Dunure where we had lunch."

The family agreed that they would be back to visit the other sites in Bruce's Web and they're hoping

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that the weather next time might be a bit warmer and closer to the images in the Web booklet!



The Gatherings

The Gatherings was completely refurbished last year and is available for hire. The shop is available to all groups whether as a shop to raise funds or to use as an exhibition space. It is fully heated and easily accessible with a parking space to the rear for one car but access for others whilst stocking the shop. The rear garden has been landscaped and during the works the very steep stairs have been made easier to navigate.



The shop can be hired for £115 for a week which includes heating, lights and free Wi-Fi.

If you want to check availability, please contact thegatherings@nccbc.org.uk



North Carrick Parish Church of Scotland

Christmas Fayre

The Christmas Fayre held in Kirkoswald church hall raised £627 for church funds. It was a wild weather day, and we were not expecting a great turnout at the event, but folk did come along and support it. Thank you to everyone who helped and came along to buy their Christmas gifts from the stall holders.

The Guild

The Guild had a wonderful Candle Night in Crosshill church, entertainment by Hugh and Friends. There was a good turnout of members and friends. The evening ended with a lovely tea of sandwiches and cakes.

World Day of Prayer - Friday 7th March 2025

A service was held in Kirkoswald. The service this year was prepared by the WDP Committee of the Cook Islands.

Gardening at Kirk Wood, Kirkoswald
RecoverAyr RecoverAyr came along to

Sunday services:

Crosshill 12noon

Kirkoswald 11.15am

Maybole 10.30am



the Kirk Wood on Wednesday 5 March from 10 to 12 noon to do some gardening in the community space.

The Daffodil Tea will be on **Monday 17 March at 7pm** in Crosshill church, entertainment by Dunaskin Doon Band. All welcome, please come along.

Crossraguel Community Choir

We meet once a fortnight on a Wednesday from 7 till 8pm in Kirkoswald church hall.

In December we sang in Culzean, Turnberry Hotel, Humeston Byre and a concert in the hall. We had a cup of tea after our concert and raised some money for Ayrshire Cancer Support.



Early Years Centre

The children in the EYC have been enthusiastically engaging with the new Rita Rewards system. Each child has their own individual stickers displayed next to the reward chart. The children earn stickers for tasks such as helping others, tidying up, showing kindness, etc. Once they collect 5 stickers, they are treated to hot chocolate time and receive a head teacher reward.



Class 1

For our new topic, People Who Help Us, the children have been diving into the world of different jobs, learning all about the important roles people play in our communities. As part of our research into the emergency services, we had a fantastic visit from one of our parents, who shared their role as a nurse. We loved learning about nursing equipment and even had a hands-on experience, practicing how to safely bandage our friends. A big thank you to our parent for sharing their knowledge!



Class 1 have worked incredibly hard in maths, specifically in data and analysis. The children conducted surveys and created bar graphs to show their findings. They also explored and created pictograms, Venn diagrams, and Carroll diagrams,



sorting objects based on different criteria. Well done everyone!

Class 2

All the children thoroughly enjoyed taking part in their Scottish Celebration, performing a variety of different poems and songs. Thank you to our families for coming along and we hope you enjoyed the celebration.

Class 2 have been enjoying looking into the world of work and exploring potential future careers. As part of their learning, they wrote persuasive letters to Miss Hyslop, each making a compelling case for why they should be hired for the job of their dreams.

P7

P7 pupils from Crosshill and Minishant went bag packing at Asda last week and raised an amazing £254.92 for their residential trip! This money will be split between the children going on the residential from both schools. They are already brainstorming their next fundraising ideas and we will keep you updated.

Copies of the North Carrick Community Newsletter are available throughout many North Carrick venues, if you need to pick one up, your main outlets are:

Crosshill: Village Shop. **Kirkmichael:** Village Shop. **Straiton:** Village Shop.

Minishant: Minishant Stores. **Maidens:** Little K's Kitchen, Ropes Bistro.

Maybole: The Carrick Centre, Library, Co-op, Spar. **Kirkoswald:** Souters.

Turnberry: Balkenna Tearoom, Dowhill Farm Shop, Turnberry Holiday Park.

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Kirkmichael Gala 2025

Sat 24th May

Once again, the traditional Kirkmichael Gala will take place on the 24th of May. As in the past, this is a glorious 12 hour event with the following exciting events now booked in and awaiting an audience

- Deville
- The Bond
- Family Dog show
- Dalrymple ukulele orchestra
- Owl display and picture opportunity
- Pro2 Wrestling and pictures
- Drakes of Hazard displays
- Classic tractor viewing and information
- Boogie Beats disco and karaoke
- 35 stall holders
- Beer Tent
- Rodeo bull
- Toxic waste jungle run
- Nerf wars
- Young toddler's amusement section

As in the past, sponsors are most welcome and should get in touch with Ann Lithgow of the KKCG Gala committee. Fingers crossed for good weather!

KIRKMICHAEL FIREWORKS

Later in the year on the 5th November, Kirkmichael will host their traditional fireworks and bonfire night - something in the long term to look forward to. Good weather at this event is less likely but similarly perhaps less important.

STORM EOWYN

After a couple of days of dire red warnings all the mobile phones in the village shrieked, not interestingly enough, in unison but rather over a 5 minute staccato period texts appeared on screens warning of windy and dire hours to come.

They duly came, and once again the original settlers 800 year old decision to set up a community around the Dyrok burn was vindicated. Records indicate that the church was established sometime in the twelfth century, and it is probable that a community had

existed on this site well before then for it is really well sheltered from the prevailing South Westerly winds. Eowyn's fury passed overhead and destruction was limited to a few greenhouses and some relatively minor plant damage. The real damage however was outwith the village, as around midday, Patna road was plunged into darkness and remained in this state for some four days. Weirdly enough the

rest of the village remained unaffected and even more strangely, mobile phones refused to work in Patna road though worked perfectly well in the rest of the village. The Community came together and the candlelit shop remained open although unpowered and all its frozen goods were rapidly rehoused on a

temporary basis in other powered parts of the village. Those in Patna road recharged mobiles, torches phones, computers and the like from those not in Patna road and meals were happily provided by the haves to the have nots.

Scottish power came good at the end of day too, and offered hotel accommodation for those without power and a

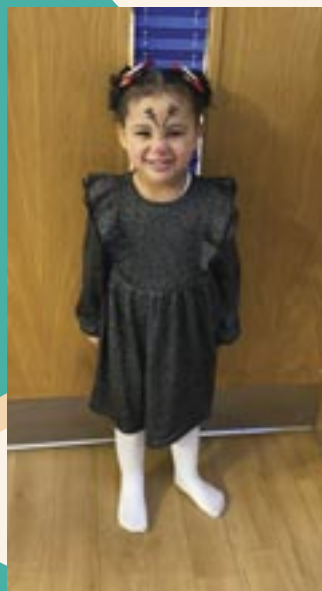
daily couples allowance of £60 per day for food. By Monday, things returned to normal leaving behind a host of memories.

LIVING HISTORY

Thanks to a CPF NCCBC grant the History group has now commenced its recording project and groups of active elderly residents are now meeting and are being recorded discussing their memories of Kirkmichael in days past. This has resulted in a lot of reminiscent laughter along with some unexpected blushes.

These recordings will be edited, and a short film will be produced and lodged with the history societies immediate archives. Given that the original interviews represent 'primary source material' they will also be archived in the long-term files. The Society hopes to be involved in an event to celebrate the 125th anniversary of the building of the McCosh Hall later in the year.





Carrick Tots Playgroup

Carrick tots had a great time at the Christmas party with Bunny Luv visiting and a special visit from Santa. The children and adults loved the small animals. Messy Play was a big hit with the tots, instead of playing they sat in several of the buckets. We would like to say a big thank you to Santa for taking the time to visit.

Thank you to Libby's/Mary for their kind monetary donation and a beautiful pram and doll. Thanks to the Co-op for their donation. Also, Carrick Round Table for their kind donation as these allowed us to make the christmas party extra special.

Carrick Tots meet every Tuesday 10am-11.30am in the Carrick Centre. For children of all ages and a chance for adults to socialise with other adults, relax, and have a tea/coffee.





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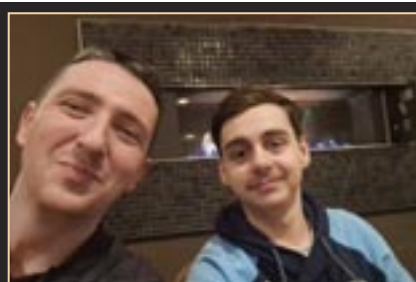
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Carrick Round Table

We had another busy festive period in 2024 when the time came around again to prepare the Sleigh to spread some festive cheer!

The Sleigh travelled around Carrick over three weeks in December and we raised just shy of £6,000! We were delighted yet again to have the opportunity to make the Christmas period special for Children and Adults alike. We also visited Whiteley's Retreat to spread the cheer on a few nights.

We want to thank everyone who donated to us in December. We also want to thank everyone who volunteered to help on the sleigh and with the collections. We are also extremely grateful for the continued support from The Young Farmers and The Carrick Resilience Team.



WHAT IS ROUND TABLE?

Round Table is simply a group of young men aged 18-45 who meet up every fortnight to have fun! Recently, we have taken part in some great activities such as Biohazard Airsoft, Poker Night with Cumnock Round Table and Bring a Board of Food night.

We've got some exciting events coming up such as a Whisky History and Tasting Tour at the Lost Distillery Dumfries House, Pole Dance Masterclass, Kart and Golf Night, McCallum Bagpipes Factory tour and much more!

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Carrick Resilience v Storm Eowyn

On 24th January 2025 Carrick Resilience faced its biggest challenge to date..... Storm Eowyn was blowing into town and looking for a fight. We knew she was coming, and we got ready to face the challenges head on. We fuelled up our pick-up and chainsaws, we charged our torches, we put on extra socks. We were ready!

As the storm blew in and started wreaking havoc across Carrick, reports soon came in that Carrick needed our help and we responded.

First job we attended was tree across the northbound lane on the A77 at the railway bridge just before Ayr, this tree was no match for our chainsaws. Soon after our next job was more challenging, a horse shelter had been blown out of a field and was blocking the road at Cargilston, (the crossroads). Fortunately, we borrowed a JCB digger from Jamieson Plant Hire and were able to push the shelter back into the field and re-open the road. Next job was a tree blocking the Electric Brae, again this was dispatched with ease thanks to our powerful chainsaws and it wasn't even 11 o'clock.

As the destruction continued across Carrick the jobs kept coming in, multiple trees were blown down on the Kirkmichael to Patna road, this road was kept open thanks to the efforts of our Resilience team member Alan Thom, who deployed his farm forklift to lift the fallen trees out the way.

Our biggest job of the day came in at 17:00 when we received reports of a fallen tree at Glenapp. We rallied the troops and headed down armed with our chainsaws. PPE and steely determination. What we found was not a fallen tree but a whole row of 20 trees which had been blown down and were blocking the northbound A77. With the police in attendance, we quickly set about the challenge and after a gruelling 4 hours of cutting and clearing we managed to clear



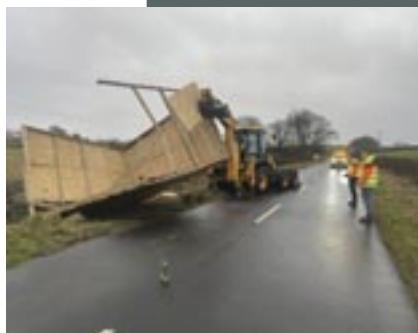
most of the road making it safe for use. Although tired and exhausted our work was not done, on the return journey we came across another fallen tree just south of

Ballantrae. Fortunately, this was just the one tree!

Next day we received word that Ballantrae was still without power, so we loaded up our pick-up with our generator and headed down to the community hub and set-up it up. Providing the residents of Ballantrae with power and the opportunity to get a hot drink and a warm meal.

Storm Eowyn blew across Carrick with a ferociousness that many of us had not seen before, but we stood resilient ready to face the challenges head-on. We would not have been able to do this without help from our incredible volunteers and our supporters and partner agencies. During the storm we liaised with Lesley Jeffery at Ayrshire Civil Contingencies Team. Thanks to Jamieson Plant Hire, Goosehill Farm, and of course Police Scotland, Scottish Ambulance Service and Scottish Fire and Rescue.

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What's Up @ St.Cuthbert's Primary School



The pupils and staff of St Cuthbert's Primary School have been very busy over the last couple of months. Christmas 2024 was as usual, full of lots of fun. We were delighted to be able to entertain the local community at a variety of events, including going to Crosne Street and Fairknowe. A special VIP, Santa, visited us at our School Christmas Party which was a lovely surprise. Our School Nativity and Carols by Candlelight was a great event and made even more special by the fact that we got to hold it at our Church. The P4/5/6/7 pupils worked so hard on their

amazing Panto- Sleeping Beauty. A special shout out to Hazel for giving up her free time to help us! We loved our trip to see Mother Goose at the Gaiety Theatre too.

This term we have been busy working in our Pupil Voice Groups, including Pupil Council, RRS, JRSO and the Rotakids.

We are now looking forward to all the exciting, upcoming Spring events and are enjoying the Beat the Street initiative.



THE CARRICK CENTRE WHAT'S ON?

Move and Make Mondays

AT THE HEART OF THE COMMUNITY

THE CARRICK CENTRE, MAYBOLE

09:00 - 10:30	FREE soft play at the Carrick Cafe Enjoy our selection of cakes and meals created with locally sourced produce, while the children play in the soft play.
10:00 - 11:00	South Ayrshire Food Bank
10:00 - 11:00	Chair Yoga Suitable for all abilities. 07553 754444 or email: maybole@thecarrickcentre.co.uk
10:30 - 11:30	Kids' Supper Time at the Carrick Cafe! Homemade food starting from 5.00pm, perfect for little ones to enjoy a meal and make some time in the soft play area. (Adults welcome charge applies, call for more information)
10:45 - 11:00	Drama Llama Drama class for ages 4 to 10. Mon & Fri 10:45 - 11:00. Tel: 07553 754444 or email: maybole@thecarrickcentre.co.uk
10:00 - 11:00	Pilates with Colette Call to book: 07553 754444
10:30 - 11:30	Crochet Club Beginners 10:30 - 11:00. Experienced 11:00 - 11:30. £3 (Children must be accompanied by an adult)
10:00 - 11:00	Maybole Line Dancing Beginners 10:00 - 11:00. Experienced 11:00 - 11:30. Call to book: 07553 754444 or email: maybole@thecarrickcentre.co.uk

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Terrific Tuesdays

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09:00 - 10:30	FREE soft play at the Carrick Cafe Enjoy our selection of cakes and meals created with locally sourced produce, while the children play in the soft play.
10:00 - 11:00	Carrick Tots For the children aged 0-5.
10:00 - 11:00	Vibrant Voices FREE - A friendly and supportive singing space for anyone with any type of communication difficulty.
10:30 - 11:30	Kids' Supper Time at the Carrick Cafe! Homemade food starting from 5.00pm, perfect for little ones to enjoy a meal and make some time in the soft play area. (Adults welcome charge applies, call for more information)
10:45 - 11:00	Wrestling Academy! FREE - A friendly and supportive space for anyone with any type of communication difficulty.
10:00 - 11:00	Maybole Food Pantry Parents can bring their own tins and stock up while the kids have fun.
10:30 - 11:30	Slimming World Free weight loss food group!
10:00 - 11:00	P4-5 Youth Club at the KA19 Youth Hub. Tel: 07553 754444
10:00 - 11:00	P6-7 Youth Club at the KA19 Youth Hub. Tel: 07553 754444
10:00 - 11:00	S1+ Youth Club at the KA19 Youth Hub. Tel: 07553 754444

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Wonderful Wednesdays

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09:00 - 10:30	FREE soft play at the Carrick Cafe Enjoy our selection of cakes and meals created with locally sourced produce, while the children play in the soft play.
10:00 - 11:00	Jiggy Wrigglers Jiggy mixed class - 10am. Jiggy babies 10:30am - 11:00am. (No book small)
10:30 - 11:30	Kids' Supper Time at the Carrick Cafe! Homemade food starting from 5.00pm, perfect for little ones to enjoy a meal and make some time in the soft play area. (Adults welcome charge applies, call for more information)
10:00 - 11:00	P7+ Drop-in at the KA19 Youth Hub After school fun at the KA19 Youth Hub, packed with games and activities for all.
10:00 - 11:00	Carrick Sensory Drop-in at the KA19 Youth Hub Inclusive play and play sensory, sensory provided. For more information email: maybole@thecarrickcentre.co.uk
10:00 - 11:00	Taekwon-do Fitness and self-defence classes for children (5+). Tel: 07553 754444

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Thriving Together Thursdays

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09:00 - 10:30	FREE soft play at the Carrick Cafe Enjoy our selection of cakes and meals created with locally sourced produce, while the children play in the soft play.
10:00 - 11:00	Maybole Patchwork and Quilting Group Every 2nd and 4th Thursday of the month.
10:00 - 11:00	Thriving Communities - Employability Drop-in
10:30 - 11:30	Maybole Food Pantry Help reduce food waste, only £3/week.
10:30 - 11:30	Kids' Supper Time at the Carrick Cafe! Homemade food starting from 5.00pm, perfect for little ones to enjoy a meal and make some time in the soft play area. (Adults welcome charge applies, call for more information)
10:00 - 11:00	P4-5 Youth Club at the KA19 Youth Hub Tel: 07553 754444
10:00 - 11:00	BINGO - Maybole Juniors Maybole Juniors Football Club organizes a weekly bingo. Tel: 07553 754444

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Fantastic Fridays

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09:00 - 10:30	FREE soft play at the Carrick Cafe Enjoy our selection of cakes and meals created with locally sourced produce, while the children play in the soft play.
10:00 - 11:00	Foot Clinic with Roma Clark Call to book: 07553 754444, 07553 754444
10:00 - 11:00	South Ayrshire Food Bank
10:00 - 11:00	Spanish Lessons Tel: 07553 754444
10:00 - 11:00	Fiver Friday at the Carrick Cafe Enjoy our £5 menu on Fridays only. Choose from the following: Any soup and sandwich Mac 'n' cheese with Garlic Bread Soup, scone, and tea/coffee 2 x Homemade Bury Milkshakes or Ice Creams
10:30 - 11:30	Kids' Supper Time at the Carrick Cafe! Homemade food starting from 5.00pm, perfect for little ones to enjoy a meal and make some time in the soft play area. (Adults welcome charge applies, call for more information)

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Super Saturdays

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THE CARRICK CENTRE, MAYBOLE

09:00 - 10:30	FREE soft play at the Carrick Cafe Enjoy our selection of cakes and meals created with locally sourced produce, while the children play in the soft play.
09:00 - 10:00	Senjakai Karate Academy Wear Rings (ages 4-6) 09:00-09:30. Family class (7 years+ including adults) 10:00 - 11:00. Tel: 07553 754444
10:00 - 11:00	Colouring and Cartoons at the Carrick Cafe
All day	Double Loyalty Points at the Carrick Cafe

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Double Accolade for The Carrick Centre

The Carrick Centre in Maybole and its leader have both been given top honours.

The double accolade comes as the Carrick Centre was named Ayrshire's Community Centre of the Year in the Scottish Enterprise awards and its chair Marguerite Hunter Blair (pictured) was made an OBE in the New Year's Honours list.

On the award to the Carrick Centre given out through the small and medium enterprise publication SME News, Marguerite Hunter Blair said: "It is an honour for the Carrick Centre to be recognised by Scottish Enterprise for our innovation, resilience, and optimism. We are very proud to have been awarded the accolade of Community Centre of the Year 2024.

Commenting on the award of an OBE Marguerite said: "I am overwhelmed and delighted by the warm congratulations of so many people on receiving this prestigious recognition for services to play, learning and health, as chief executive of Play Scotland and chair of the Carrick Centre in Maybole"

The award recognises Marguerite's tireless work to ensure every child's right to play with its huge benefits.

Marguerite was elected unanimously by her trustees to chair the Carrick Centre in 2021. The centre was launched in 2012 and works in partnership to provide services to all the communities across North Carrick.



Scottish Enterprise Awards



"Based on merit alone, this Award reflects the vision and outstanding efforts of our Staff team, Volunteers and Trustees. A big thank you to everyone involved in the process to recognise our achievements - and to our funders, loyal customers, user groups, and members of our Youth Hub and Community Green Transport Hub."

Marguerite lives in the local area with husband Pat and the couple run a successful wood fuel business at Blairquhan Estate.



The Carrick Centre



Free P1-3 Easter Drama

Workshop 12:30-13:30 [Wed 11.45-12.45] (booking required)



Free Crafting Packs

11:00 - 13:00



Easter Lunches 12pm and 2pm (booking required)



The Carrick Centre's KA19 Youth Hub



P4 - 7 Youth Club 10:00 - 11:30 book via SPOND App (free kids' meal at the Carrick Cafe for those attending)



P7+ Drop in 15:00 - 17:00

The Carrick Centre Easter Holiday Fun!

Ayrshire's Community Centre of the Year

APRIL 2025						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					Easter Dye 10:00-11:00 Book via SPOND App KA19 Youth Hub	Fun Day 10:00-12:00 Book via SPOND App Carrick Centre
6 Church Service 10:30am	7 ★	8 ★	9 ★	10 ★	11 ★	12 ★
13 Church Service 10:30am	14 ★	15 ★	16 ★	17	18	19
20 Church Service 10:30am						

Carrick Centre Opening Hours

Mon - Fri: 09:00 - 16:30
Saturday: 09:00 - 14:30



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