

This newsletter is produced jointly by Action Old Kilpatrick (AOK) and Old Kilpatrick Community Council (OKCC) for all residents of the village.

## CAN YOU HELP?

Gardening has been an important part of AOK since we started 7-8 years ago with beds and borders being developed around the village. Our Gardening Group volunteers enjoy getting out and about in the village spending some time making our surroundings look colourful and cared for. We are a friendly group of men and women of all ages whose gardening know-how ranges from 'quite a lot' to 'not very much' but that doesn't really matter, the main thing is that we like working together to make our village a place where we can all feel proud and happy to live.

At present we are challenged by the number of beds and borders being maintained and so we are inviting members of the community who live close by these special areas to adopt one of them. No expertise is needed but it would mean doing a bit of weeding, trimming and general tidying as time allows. AOK would still be available to advise and help as appropriate. If you think you might be interested, please get in touch with us at [info@actionoldkilpatrick.org.uk](mailto:info@actionoldkilpatrick.org.uk).

The areas are:

- Bowling planter
- Corner at the old bus garage
- St. Patrick's Well
- Church corner
- the border at the main shops
- Napier Hall
- Station Road planter
- Christmas Tree area (bottom of Station Road
- Erskine View beds
- Freelands planter



10th anniversary of the Lusset Glen litter pick

## VILLAGE LITTER PICKS

### SALTINGS

First Sunday of each month

10:00-12:00

Meet at AOK container,  
Erskine Ferry Road

### LUSSET GLEN

Last Monday of each month

10:00-12:00

Meet at AOK container,  
Erskine Ferry Road

Whenever people are asked what bothers them about where they live, litter always comes up as an issue of significant concern. **So what can we do about it?**

AOK has picked up over 1,000 bags of rubbish in Lusset Glen and the Saltings since 2013 when we first started our pick in the Glen. As well as making the place look better, litter picking helps to protect wildlife from litter damage such as choking, entanglement, broken glass injury and from the toxic chemicals produced when plastic breaks down and enters the food chain as microplastics.

The introduction of the Deposit Return Scheme for single use plastic, metal and glass drinks containers in March 2024 will hopefully mean a big reduction in this type of litter.

Littering, including not picking up dog poo, is a criminal offence for which a fixed penalty of £80 can be issued by the police or the Council's enforcement officers, and if the case goes to court, a person could be fined up to £2,500.

Please do consider joining us for our twice monthly litter picks, meeting at the AOK container next to the Scout Hall on Erskine Ferry Road on the last Monday for Lusset Glen and the first Sunday of the month for the Saltings, both at 10.00 am, finishing around 12noon. All equipment will be provided. Together we can make a difference.



AOK Gardening Group volunteers

# ACTION OLD KILPATRICK



In recent years we have provided many new plants for the beds and borders. These have been financed by donations and grants. Unfortunately some people within or outwith the village community seem to think that it is acceptable to remove these plants for their own gardens or some other reason. If this is you, please think again. It is not fair to the funders, the volunteers nor the wider community who benefit from this natural beauty.



## KILPATRICK STATION UPDATE

Lots of planting has been happening at Kilpatrick Station to increase biodiversity and enhance surroundings for Scotrail passengers and also people passing through.

At the entrance from Lusset Glen, flower seeds have been scattered on the embankment so keep an eye out for these and also the bulbs planted next to the opposite platform for next spring.

We have 7 new fruit trees in our wild meadow area, a patch of different heathers and some buddleia and lavenders.

AOK 'adopt a station' volunteers have been assisted by TCV (The Conservation Volunteers) who very kindly purchased the plants for us and helped put them in. We still have plans to do more planting on the embankment where required and to maintain the planters.

If anyone would like to help out at the station, a register of interest form is available at [adoptastation@scotrail.co.uk](mailto:adoptastation@scotrail.co.uk).

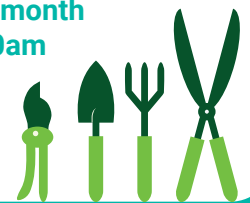


## MAINTENANCE DAYS

Volunteers regularly meet for gardening sessions - join us if you can spare a few hours! No experience required and tools will be provided.



Every first Saturday of the month meet at village shops at 10am



## ANTONINE ARBORETUM

The Antonine Arboretum in the field behind the school is now becoming more of a reality! Thanks to Forestry and Land Scotland and with the assistance of staff and pupils of Gavinburn Primary School some 600 plus trees have been planted in the past week.

It is hoped that the next phase of planting which will take place is the fruit trees for the Community Orchard. Hopefully, we will be able to encourage some children and adult volunteers to help with this new development.

Watch our social media pages for date and details!



### VINNY THE VINTNER

A new stone bench and sculpture has been installed in Old Kilpatrick as part of a project to promote the area's Roman heritage.

The installation at Lusset Glen was created by sculptor Gardner Molloy, and sits where the Antonine Wall, the most northerly point of the Roman Empire, passed through West Dunbartonshire.

### AOK SOCIAL EVENING

Since our launch, we have held a summer fundraising evening to help us fund our projects. After a pandemic break we're holding the next fundraiser on the 8th September in the Bowling Club - tickets will be available to buy soon. More details will be posted on our social media in due course.



SAVE THE DAY  
AOK FUNDRAISER  
8 September 2023  
Bowling Club



The  
community  
needs you!

Old Kilpatrick Community Council meetings:

Every second Tuesday of the month  
7:30pm in the Napier Hall

The election of Community Councillors took place in October last year. We were fortunate that we once again were able to constitute a Community Council.

We have had a Community Council in the village for some time; however, it is becoming increasingly difficult to encourage volunteers to participate in this work. Anyone over the age of 16 years and who lives in the village and interested in making the village a great place to live is encouraged to become a member.

The Community Council lobbied for some time to include the Western Isles estate within its jurisdiction and as of the last election this has now been ratified. The agenda going forward this year is to compile a local place plan for the village. This gives the residents more of a say in planning and the development of resources which may impact the community.

If you are interested in becoming involved with the Community Council please get in touch (see the back page) or come to one of our meetings.

## OLD KILPATRICK PLAYERS 2022

On behalf of the Community Council we would like to add our appreciation and our thanks to all involved in the Christmas Cracker production which took place in the Napier Hall.

This was the second venture of the group to bring some Christmas cheer to the village. It brought our community together and I couldn't say it any better than this Facebook message:

*"This is Community done correctly!*

*I and my friends and family came away full of admiration and respect for the message you sent and the way you made us challenge and reassess our beliefs... We sang and danced without embarrassment... Huge well done!"*

There was standing room only and everyone took away a little bit of the Christmas Magic. The whole production team brought out the best in everyone and hopefully will encourage others to get involved. The fact that it is such an inter generational production is amazing!

Not only that, the group have been selected to be part of the National Theatre's First Nights programme which encourages people to get back to theatres. They have already been to see "Kidnapped" and will soon be on their way to see the next production of "Dear Billy".

*Well done!*



## COMMUNITY TRANSPORT

West Dunbartonshire Community Transport have been providing health appointment transport for citizens of West Dunbartonshire from 1st April 2022 for citizens who cannot use public transport.

If you feel you or someone else can benefit from the service, the patient will need to register themselves and meet the following criteria:

- Patient is able to get in and out of a private car
- Patient cannot use public transport



For further information and bookings email [wdctag@gmail.com](mailto:wdctag@gmail.com) or phone Alan on 07990 825754 to arrange an initial conversation.



Save the Napier Hall

## NAPIER HALL

The possibility of the Napier Hall being closed is becoming more of a reality given that West Dunbartonshire Council included the hall as part of their cost saving budget.

The Community Council agreed to host a number of public meetings to discuss the concerns and question the alternatives for the future of the Napier Hall.

We were delighted by the response of the residents and are encouraged to seek and inform the community of all the possible outcomes.

We are therefore actively supporting those that wish to pursue the possible lease and ultimately ownership of the hall whilst also encouraging all residents to lobby their elected members to reconsider their action.

The Napier Hall is considered to be the centre of the village with all notable events being hosted there. It would be a sad loss to the life of the village if it were to be lost.

If you are interested and have a skill that could be helpful please get in touch with us via our social media page or email [chair@oldkilpatrickcc.org.uk](mailto:chair@oldkilpatrickcc.org.uk).

## HOME DELIVERY LIBRARY SERVICE



The Home Delivery Library Service is free to all residents in West Dunbartonshire who are unable to visit a branch or mobile library owing to age, disability or long-term illness which normally confines them to their home. Customers are visited in their homes by trained staff every four weeks.

When you apply to use the service, library staff will contact you and ask about the type of books you prefer, and they will select and deliver books and audio books to your home and collect any items for return.

Contact Home Delivery/Mobile Library Service:

19 Poplar Road, Dumbarton  
01389 608037  
[Mobile.library@west-dunbarton.gov.uk](mailto:Mobile.library@west-dunbarton.gov.uk)

# Clean up after your dog!

Or face a £80 fine

To report dog fouling, visit the West Dunbartonshire Council website [www.west-dunbarton.gov.uk](http://www.west-dunbarton.gov.uk) or call 01389 772059



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