



ACTION OLD KILPATRICK MAKING CHANGES IN THE VILLAGE

You may have seen groups of AOK volunteers out and about, whether it's picking litter in the Saltings and the Lusset Glen, or planting flowers around the village.

We have been working on a plan for 2016 and with the help of some funding, there'll be several projects you can get involved in too. Our three interest groups each have ideas

for projects, which you can find on the back page of this newsletter.

To get involved with AOK, become a member for just £1 (come to any AOK meeting to sign up or bring the form below) and find out what you can do.

Email us at info@actionoldkilpatrick.org.uk for more information.

WANT TO GET INVOLVED?

Come to one of our meetings!

AOK meet every first Wednesday of the month in the Twisted Thistle in the village centre at 7:30.

Interest group meeting dates vary but we will always publish the dates on our Facebook page or you can join our mailing list to be informed about upcoming meetings. Email us at info@actionoldkilpatrick.org.uk to sign up or visit www.actionoldkilpatrick.org.uk.

If you see us out and about, come and speak to us about how you can help!



[actionoldkilpatrick](https://www.facebook.com/actionoldkilpatrick)

Support us by becoming a member - complete the form below and give it to a committee member along with £1 or bring to the next meeting (first Wednesday of every month, 7:30pm at the Twisted Thistle. For more information, email info@actionoldkilpatrick.org.uk)

JOIN US!

Support us for £1 a year – as a voluntary organisation we rely on donations and membership. Please join us and help us grow!

First name	Last name
Address	
Postcode	Phone number
Email	

Groups

Action Old Kilpatrick has three subgroups: *environment, horticulture and history*. You can be a part of one, two or all three - please tick the group you'd like to join:

Environment Horticulture History

Do you have any specialist skills, qualifications or knowledge you'd be willing to contribute? Let us know!

Signed: _____

Date: _____

ENVIRONMENT

The Environment Group within AOK is concerned with looking at the current state of the environment in and around the village and then deciding how best to enhance what already exists.

Two separate groups of volunteers have been operating in recent years doing litter collection in

THE SALTINGS LITTER PICK

First Sunday of each month
10:00-12:00am
Meet at the Scout HQ

THE LUSSET GLEN LITTER PICK

Last Monday of each month
10:00-12:00am
Meet beside Glen Cafe

Contact us on info@actionoldkilpatrick.org.uk for more information.

and around the village. All litter collecting equipment and a friendly welcome are provided for both groups and WDC provides refreshments at the Saltings.

We have also been looking at ways of making a difference quickly; to get maximum effect from minimum effort and cost. Ideas considered so far are:

- Replacement/repair of benches in village.
- Painting of bollards and replacement of their cracked concrete base areas. A mosaic treatment of the bollard bases to link with the 'Roman' theme.
- Power washing of slabs and low wall all at the village centre shops.

We hope to work in partnership with the Council on these projects to achieve an improved environment for all who live in and visit Old Kilpatrick.

HORTICULTURE

It might be winter but the Horti subgroup have certainly not been dormant! We have lifted all the bedding plants from the beds, taken cuttings and put everything to overwinter in the greenhouse, and planted spring bulbs in the beds for early colour.

For this year, we aim to:

- Replant the existing beds
- Provide raised planters at each of the three village entrances
- Plant some fruit trees at locations to be agreed in the village – any suggestions welcomed!
- Take advantage of training sessions offered by the Council and Royal Horticultural Society (RHS)

Upcoming tasks are to scrub the greenhouse clean and complete a Lottery funding application that will provide us with funds for our activities.

NEXT MEETING OF THE HORTICULTURAL GROUP

Thursday 18th February 2016
7:15pm at the Twisted Thistle



We are still a small group and would really love more members to help out, whether on a regular or occasional basis. If you are interested in joining us – whatever your level of experience, please contact us on info@actionoldkilpatrick.org.uk

HISTORY

The 'History, Heritage, and Archaeology' interest group have selected a project based on Cairndow's 'Our Houses: Their Stories'.

Our project will involve researching the history of a range of houses in Old Kilpatrick, from the very old to the more recent. It is expected that database searches will produce a timeline of occupancy, e.g. using Census information. Then, with permission, oral histories will be taken to gather the recent and not so recent memories of occupants, relating to their homes. The findings will be disseminated through posters, talks to local groups and a website. It is hoped that this will provide a fascinating and varied portrait of some Old Kilpatrick houses.

If you are interested in your house being researched and/or in giving an oral history of your memories of your house, please contact us on info@actionoldkilpatrick.org.uk



NEXT MEETING OF THE HISTORY GROUP

Monday 22nd February 2016
7:30pm at the Twisted Thistle