

Ardler Village News

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D Café Launch



At the launch from left to right: Nadia Sutherland (Alzheimer Scotland), Sharon Macleod (Localities Development Worker Dundee Carers Centre) and Susan Dye (Dundee Healthy Living Initiative).

The Strathmartine D Café has been launched by the Lord Provost. The D Café takes place at St Mary's Community Church, St Kilda Road, Dundee on the 2nd Thursday of every month. Sharon from the centre attends this and can give advice on the support we can offer at the centre.

Sharon attends a drop in at Ardler Complex on the last Tuesday of the month 2.45- 4.45pm, providing advice and support for carers.

Ardler Jobshop

Come along to the Jobshop if you are looking for help with your CV, interview skills or volunteering. We can also provide links to IT 4 Work and the Connect Welfare Team.

The Jobshop meets in the Ardler Complex every Tuesday 9.30—12 noon.

Ardler Environment Group

The AEG is apologising to residents for this year's lack of planting and colour for which we have gained many awards over the last 17 years including the Queens Prize for the gardens in front of the Ardler Complex.

This year it seems there is a certain small number of the Ardler population who's primary objective is to wreck the tubs and gardens which had been planted ready for the assessors from Keep Scotland Beautiful for which we have won a number of awards.

Quite a number of people think we are council workers or undertaking community service, neither of which is correct. We are all volunteers, either retired or looking for a job. Among our volunteers are two wheel chair users who come and do their bit every week.

We pay £1 per week, all four of us! which is used to buy plants and bulbs. We do receive donations from other sources including the Ardler Complex Local Management Group but in the main the group relies on the members subscriptions.

The main thing we lack is helpers for a couple of hours per week Wednesdays, 9.30-11.30 followed by tea and biccies. You don't have to be a gardening expert—we aren't—and you don't have to come every week or stay the full two hours. We want the gardens and tubs in the square to be left to grow and make us all proud of Ardler.

If you are interested contact Graham Cross (Chair).

Police Scotland

There was a change in the policing model here in Dundee in October 2016. Our focus is on providing a more direct community style of policing which will allow us to engage with communities and partners. To achieve this we have 4 dedicated community Sergeants across the City who have responsibility for their relative Multi Member Ward areas. We have fewer community officers but these officers will be dedicated to working with partners to resolve community issues.

Sgt Lesley Mann is the new Community Sergeant based at Downfield Police Office who has responsibility for the Strathmartine area. Lesley and her team of dedicated officers have been working closely with communities and partners to address local issues and to work in partnership to improve the local communities and to ensure we are doing all we can to keep people safe and reduce offending.

'drop in clinics' are being held throughout the Strathmartine Ward. Dates and locations are as follows (all 1400-1530) :

Monday 9 October - Kirkton Community Centre

Tuesday 6 November - St. Mary's Community Centre

Monday 4 December - Ardler Community Centre Café

Local Community Groups

The Ardler Friendship Group is looking for **NEW MEMBERS** to join our Friendly Friday Group. (10am – 12 noon).

Activities range from talks at the group, visits to places of interest, daytrips, bingo and much more. If you fancy having some Friday Fun then why not pop along.

Admission £1.30. Plus £1.00 towards refreshments and group funds. Spaces are now available but when full a waiting list will become available.

If you are interested please telephone Ardler Complex 01382 436442 with your details or pop in and ask for Audrey Wade at reception.

Fancy trying mosaics? We have a Mosaic Class on Thursday's 1pm-3pm and costs £1.30 per class. Equipment is supplied. There are places available. If you are interested please telephone Ardler Complex 01382 436442

Did you know that there is a Knitting class on Thursday's 1pm-4pm and its free! Places available. If you are interested please telephone Ardler Complex 01382 436442

The Chuckles group which meet on Friday's from 10am-12pm are looking for new members. The cost is £1.30. If you are interested please telephone Ardler Complex 01382 436442 with your details and the group will contact you.

Volunteer **MAKE A DIFFERENCE**

Help **Support Older People** **Skills**

Opportunity **Food Train**

HEART **Contribute**

Invaluable **Caring** **Friendly**

EXPERIENCE **Meet Other People** **MOTIVATION**

Develop



If you would like to volunteer give us a call on Dundee 810944 or email us at Dundee@thefoodtrain.co.uk



There is a new Community Regeneration Team in the Strathmartine ward.

Hazel Feilder has taken over from Val Kane as the Community Regeneration Worker and can deal with enquiries about the Community Regeneration Fund as well as offering support and advice to community groups in the area.

Nicky MacCrimmon is the Communities Officer, having taken over from Vanessa Kelly and will lead on Community Planning across the Strathmartine Ward.

Elaine MacFarlane continues to be the Clerical Assistant and is available in the afternoons.

If you have any ideas to make your community better or want to get involved in your community please get in touch with the Regeneration Team:

nicky.maccrimmon@dundeeccity.gov.uk 436363

hazel.feilder@dundeeccity.gov.uk 436364

Free Parklives sessions are still running in the Strathmartine ward. There's no need to book—just go along.

Insanity—This all over body work out burns unwanted fat whilst also increasing your strength and cardio. Modifications and options are provided throughout to ensure the session is suitable for everyone. (16+)

Fridays 5.30-6.15 pm. Meeting point is at the playing field on Turnberry Avenue next to Chalmers Ardler Church.

For more information go to the Parklives Dundee Facebook page or visit www.parklives.com

Community Christmas Tree Celebration

Ardler & St Mary's Community

A Community Christmas Tree Celebration is to take place the last week in November 2017 organised by a group of folks in the community. It will be an opportunity to learn more about and celebrate the groups, clubs and activities which go on in our community.

Local groups in the community, wherever they are meeting, in and around the Community Centre, Schools and Churches, will be invited to decorate a "Tree" to represent their Group. These will be displayed in the Ardler Church during the week beginning Monday 27 November, with events involving local children and adults including a Concert on Wednesday Evening 29 November. There will opportunities to view the trees throughout the week with a Cuppie available; Stalls of crafts/gifts made by local children & adults to buy for small donation with all proceeds going to Ardler Village Trust - further details later.

Please come and find out more about and celebrate all the great things that go on in our community.

Further details: Richie Anderson (07905999027) or Nancy Nicholl (07842683228)

Ardler Community Resilience Fund

The Ardler Community Resilience Fund is a small grants fund for projects to alleviate the effects of austerity and welfare reform in the Ardler area. The fund is supported by the Scottish Government via Development Trust Association Scotland and Scottish Community Alliance. Ardler Village Trust is administering the fund in Ardler.

Projects should be able to show that they

- promote social inclusion within Ardler
- support community development within Ardler
- relieve poverty among the residents of Ardler
- promote health education and assist in the relief of ill health among the residents of Ardler

The maximum grant available is £500. The fund is intended to support small scale projects and will not provide on-going funds for general running costs.

To be eligible to apply you must be a local community group or organisation based in Ardler and/or work with and provide benefit to the residents of Ardler. Applications will only be accepted from non-profit distributing organisations. Public sector organisations, private businesses and individuals are not eligible.

There are no application deadlines. Applications will be dealt with on a first come first served basis. All applications will be assessed by the Ardler Village Trust Manager and the Ardler Village Trust Core Group. You will hear back within 4 weeks of your application being received by us if your application has been successful. Please note all projects must be completed by 31 January 2018.

Application forms are available from the Ardler Village Trust, 95 Turnberry Ave, Dundee. Tel; 831712.
E-mail; Gillian@ardlervillagetrust.org

Stop Press

The local community groups mentioned on page 2 along with the Community Safety Panel and the Ardler Environment Group will be holding a "Meet the Groups Day" on Wednesday 1st November, 9.30-11.30. You can find out more about what the groups do, try out some of their activities and if its for you sign up as a member. Look out for more details of the event in the Ardler Complex and the Ardler Village Trust.

Ardler Village Trust Update

The Charity Shop continues to be busy not least because of all of the donations we receive. A big thanks to all who donate. We are very grateful for it all. As always a big thank you to all of our volunteers who work so hard to make the shop such a success.

If you are interested in helping support your local community why not think about giving a few hours to volunteering in the shop? If you think you might be able to help please drop into the shop for a chat and an application form.

It will soon be the school holidays again and AVT has some funding to provide activities over the holiday period. Look out for more information on what will be happening where and when. Information will be in the Charity Shop, Ardler Complex, the two Primary Schools and Chalmers Ardler Church.

On 19th October the Trust will be holding its AGM in the Ardler Complex. The meeting starts at 6pm with refreshments available from 5.30. If you want to become more involved in the management and development of the Trust and are interested in joining the Board why not come along. You can stand for election at the meeting if you are a member of the Trust. If you are aged over 16 and stay in Ardler you are eligible to be a member. Membership forms are available from the office at 95 Turnberry Avenue.

Community Safety Panel



Parking issues, Graffiti, Crime, Vandalism are just a few of the issues that are discussed.

The panel meets the 1st Wednesday of each month at 6.45 pm at Ardler Complex. Safety wardens, Sanctuary Scotland and the police are all represented at the meetings.