



BRAEHEAD PRIMARY UNVEIL LOCHSIDE LANDSCAPING

A well attended open day took place on 25 June to thank the children of Braehead Primary School for their contribution to the design of the railings at our development in Lochside. The Housing Officer for the area, Margaret Woods, gave special thanks to the Primary 7 children for their hard work in designing the railings. These designs were sent to RJC Fabrications who transformed their fabulous ideas into the railings now on display in the area's distinctive open space.

This has been just one part of the Primary's ongoing involvement with the Lochside People & Place Project, with last year's Primary 7 children designing the Site Safety Posters during construction, and plans for next year's class to plant flowers and help maintain some of the planters in the area.

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DEVELOPMENT UPDATES



GOOD SHEPHERD CATHEDRAL, AYR

After more than eight years of planning and negotiation, Ayrshire Housing has bought a former Ayr church which was until recently the Roman Catholic Church's Cathedral of the Good Shepherd, Dalmilling, Ayr.

Ayrshire Housing plans to retain the tower and gable of this C-listed building and erect 24 new houses and flats in a form that respects the legacy of the cathedral building. The scheme was substantially redesigned on the basis of comments from South Ayrshire's planners following an application submitted in July 2008.



The Architect for this new development is Gordon Fleming of ARP Lorimer. Ayrshire Housing is currently negotiating a building contract with Ashleigh (Scotland) Ltd. It is hoped that the first phase - the demolition of the nave and ancillary buildings - will commence later in the summer.



CROFT STREET, TARBOLTON

On Monday 5 July, Scotland's Minister for Housing and Communities, Alex Neil, launched a major new housing development in the village of Tarbolton.

The project is being taken forward in conjunction with the Ayrshire-based housebuilder Hope Homes, with 126 houses being built for sale, and 30 homes being built for affordable rent through Ayrshire Housing. Mr Neil said "I have long



recognised the quality and commitment of these two Ayrshire companies. I'm pleased that the Government has been able to use its support for the affordable element to complement Hope Homes' own efforts to provide much needed new homes for sale in the village and, with it, local construction jobs".

The 30 houses for rent through Ayrshire Housing have been designed by Ayr-based architects Lawrence McPherson Associates to both meet Ayrshire Housing's own requirements and to be integrated with Hope Homes' planning scheme. On completion early next year, 18 x four person and 12 x six person houses will be available for let. Four of the six person houses will be suitable for wheelchair users.



TENANT SATISFACTION SURVEY

Ashbrook Research and Consultancy is now sending out questionnaires to all tenants, asking a variety of questions about the services we provide.

This is one of the most important surveys that we will carry out, as it gives you the opportunity to tell us what you think about a number of areas.

We will take into account all views expressed and act on any of the areas identified for improvement. In addition, the form will provide tenants with the opportunity to be involved in future focus groups and consultation events.



The South Ayrshire Befriending Project

helps socially isolated and excluded young people across South Ayrshire (aged 8 – 18), many of them vulnerable and facing other issues. Providing them with 1:1 support through their befriender helps to build confidence and self-esteem, access activities in the community or develop a particular interest. We run training programmes throughout the year. So, if you have time on your hands why not share your skills and experience working as a volunteer with young people in South Ayrshire?

For more info please contact: South Ayrshire Befriending Project, 4A Citadel Place, Ayr, KA7 1JN Tel: (01292) 264000 Fax: (01292) 264555 E-mail: info@bfriend.org.uk Website: www.bfriend.org.uk

STAFF NEWS

Scott Hutchison joins us as Technical Services Manager on the 9th August 2010.

We are delighted to announce the engagement of our Housing Assistant **Ross Morris**.

JOHN SCOTT

It is with much regret that we announce the recent death of John Scott, one of our tenants, who had been a very active Board Member for five years.

John's contribution and interest in the organisation will be greatly missed.

MARGARET IMRIE, A Board Member's View:

Being a Board Member allows me to be part of a diverse group which seeks to improve how we do things. In sharing views and pooling our respective skills we collectively have an opportunity to make a difference. From dealing with "rent increases", repair "waiting times" as well as assisting judging "Best Kept Gardens" we are kept on our toes. Of course there are more complex issues at stake, but that is what has made it all so rewarding for me.



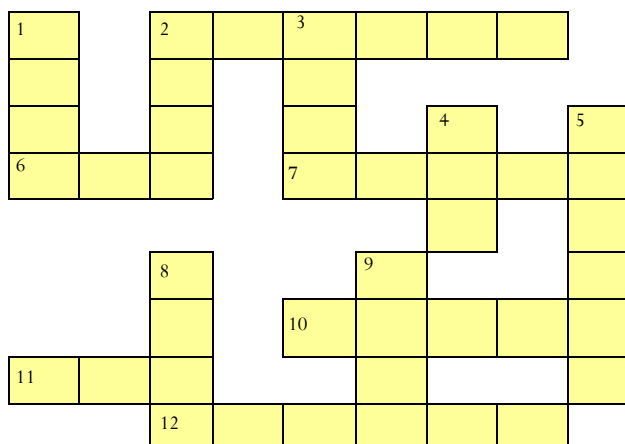
I now have a greater understanding of housing lists, homelessness, evictions, as well as the burden of rent increases on already tight budgets. All this has raised a new awareness in me and I hope that being involved in actions taken— representing tenants' interests— I oversee what is sustainable and fair while ensuring Ayrshire Housing is delivering quality service.

On a more personal note I so look forward to the monthly meetings with "my new best friends"!!



Keeping our Board busy attending openings

Seaside Holiday Crossword

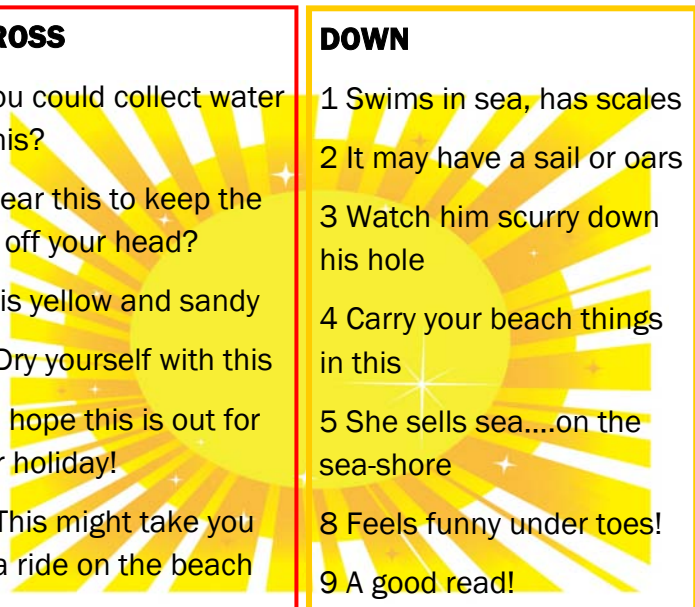


ACROSS

- 2 You could collect water in this?
- 6 Wear this to keep the sun off your head?
- 7 It is yellow and sandy
- 10 Dry yourself with this
- 11 I hope this is out for your holiday!
- 12 This might take you for a ride on the beach

DOWN

- 1 Swims in sea, has scales
- 2 It may have a sail or oars
- 3 Watch him scurry down his hole
- 4 Carry your beach things in this
- 5 She sells sea....on the sea-shore
- 8 Feels funny under toes!
- 9 A good read!



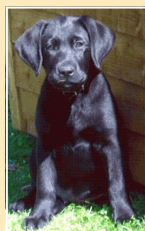
Competition Reminders



There's still time to submit your entry to this year's garden, pet and photography competitions.

If you've got a perfect pet, if your neighbours are always complimenting your gardening skills or if you've taken a photo of your home or your neighbourhood you'd like to share, be sure to get in touch!

You can enter by emailing: info@ayrshirehousing.org.uk, or calling (01292) 880120 or by letting your housing officer know you're interested in getting involved. Entries can also be posted to **Ayrshire Housing, 119 Main Street, Ayr, KA8 8BX**. Please remember to enclose your name and address!



NEW WINDOWS AND DOORS IN MOSSBLOWN

New windows and doors were recently installed in Ayrshire Housing properties in the Mossblown area. This has made a great improvement to the homes and hopefully the tenants will reap the benefits during the winter months following this improvement with warmer homes and reduced fuel bills.

Feedback from the tenants has been very positive and they have expressed great delight on the design and excellent service provided during the installation period.

SUMMER ACTIVITIES FOR KIDS IN FOREHILL

Forehill World Cup. You've watched the real thing, now the World Cup is coming to Forehill!

South Ayrshire Community Safety Partnership are organising a Football Tournament for boys and girls up to the age of 15 yrs from 11am-4pm on Tuesday 20 until Thursday 22 July at Glencairn Park.

Teams of 6 with 2 substitutes can enter, there are medals for all entrants and trophies for the Winners, Runner's Up and Best Player of the Tournament. Entry is FREE and forms are available from the shops at Mount Oliphant Crescent and should be taken to Glencairn Park at 11am on Tuesday 20 July.

For all the budding DJ's out there... If football is not your 'thing' there is also a Mobile Music Technology Course running every Thursday until 22 July on the Digital Learning Bus at Glencairn Park from 1- 4pm. You can learn to DJ or make your own music using digital technology. Again this is FREE, just turn up on Thursday to give it a go.

The next Andy Murray and Serena Williams... If you think you have the potential to be a future Wimbledon champion ...Ayr Lawn Tennis Club are running tennis coaching every Monday and Wednesday, this is for 5-16yr olds and costs £4.00. 5-7yr olds can attend from 2-3pm, 8-11yr from 3-4pm and 12-16yr olds from 4-5pm.