

Community News Sheet

Update on community issues

December 2019

Welcome

Welcome to the December edition of Stirling Council's Community News Sheet. This is a free news sheet from Stirling Council's Community Engagement Team which includes a variety of information gathered from different sources and organisations that we hope groups and communities will find useful. We endeavour to ensure all information is accurate and up-to-date. We can also include information about community activities and topics, please feel free to email us any contributions.

If you have any questions or would like to know more, please contact us: communityengagement@stirling.gov.uk

Wishing everyone a Merry Christmas. See you all in the New Year.



Your Stirling: You Decide Update

The Your Stirling You Decide Participatory Budget exercise is now within the final stages of the process, and there have been decisions made by a number of communities on their final choices, following community engagement and voting events throughout Stirlingshire.

You can access your community's choice and others on the Stirling Council website at

<https://www.stirling.gov.uk/ysydp/progress>

Your Stirling: You Decide is Stirling's version of participatory budgeting, an initiative that gives local people a direct say in how a portion of our budget is spent. During 2019 citizens across Stirling's seven electoral wards had the chance to influence how to spend £100,000 in each of the seven wards, of public money. This year the money could be used for infrastructure and the environment, for example - roads, pavements, parks playgrounds, outdoor gyms and public spaces to name a few.

During the month of January we will be announcing the remaining communities' choices on the Stirling Council Website and local social media sites.



FollowIt App

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On the 9 December 2019, the Scottish Women's Rights Centre officially launched the FollowIt App, a mobile app to record incidents of stalking.

The innovative mobile app was created with and for women experiencing stalking. It is designed to help women record and securely store what's happening to them. Through the app you can create a log of stalking incidents that can be used to report this crime to the police.

Full details are available at their website: www.followitapp.org.uk

Find out more about the Scottish Women's Rights Centre at www.scottishwomensrightscentre.org.uk



Consultations

Police Scotland

Local policing is central to Police Scotland and they are currently consulting.

They would like to know what issues you think they should prioritise, nationally and in your local area, as well as the best methods for communicating with you.

To access the online survey visit <https://consult.scotland.police.uk/surveys/your-police/?hootPostID=fb10b991cee1ee00fec0249d7d880282>

You can also download a paper copy from this site if you prefer.

Please note - **Consultation closes on 31 December 2019.**



Scottish Government – Trafficking and Exploitation Strategy Review

The Trafficking and Exploitation Strategy is at the heart of Scotland's collective efforts to tackle this crime.

Trafficking can involve victims being sexually exploited or forced into the role of a servant, or trapped in forced labour. Nail bars, car washes and construction are amongst the industries where potential cases in Scotland have been reported. Figures from the National Crime Agency shows there were 228 potential victims of trafficking identified in Scotland in 2018.

The Trafficking and Exploitation Strategy was published in 2017 and aims to improve how we identify and support victims, deal with the causes of trafficking and exploitation, and punish perpetrators.

The Strategy is being reviewed and an online public survey is open to everyone to have their say on the future direction of the Strategy; access the survey at

<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/5DKLFPG>

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Replacement of European Structural Funds post EU Exit

Scottish Government is currently consulting on Replacement of European Structural Funds post EU Exit. If the UK leaves the EU it will no longer receive European Structural Funds which have invested in 'job creation and a sustainable and healthy European economy and environment'. The UK Government has indicated its intention to provide successor funding following EU Exit but without detail as yet on the scale, objectives and allocation of such funding.

Scottish Government is seeking your views on how any replacement funding vehicle could best meet the needs of citizens, businesses and communities.

Full details and access to the online consultation at:

<https://www.gov.scot/publications/replacement-european-structural-funds-scotland-post-eu-exit/>

Consultation closes on 12 February 2020.



Housing to 2040: consultation on outline policy options

This consultation asks for your views on the Scottish Government's draft vision and principles for our homes and communities in 2040, and your suggestions for innovative, bold and imaginative proposals in order to deliver the housing to 2040 vision. Your views will help to inform the Scottish Government's final vision and route map to 2040. Their ambition is that everyone in Scotland should live in high quality, energy efficient homes that are affordable and that meet their needs.

Access the consultation at: <https://consult.gov.scot/housing-services-policy-unit/housing-to-2040/consultation/subpage.2016-07-07.1474135251/>

Closing date of the consultation is 28 February 2020.



Poppyscotland Touring Exhibition on Wheels – Bud hits the road

Poppyscotland's 'Bud' is an 18-tonne truck that transforms into a contemporary exhibition and interactive learning space, designed to teach communities across Scotland about the importance of remembrance and the heritage of the poppy.



Bud is travelling around Scotland to schools, community spaces and events over the next 4 years sharing Poppyscotland archives, veterans' stories and the poppy's history. It aims to be a catalyst for challenging assumptions, creating conversations and allowing the public to gain a deeper understanding of remembrance and the poppy's role in modern Scottish society as a symbol of unity and hope.

Bud will be on the road for more than 220 days a year and will visit all 32 local authority areas in Scotland over the course of the next 4 years.

Visitors will hear moving stories from veterans and learn more about the work carried out by Poppyscotland since the charity's inception through films and stories from those who have served, those still serving and their families. Each visitor will also have the chance to make their own poppy, using the same techniques used by veterans who work tirelessly each year to make five million poppies ahead of the annual Scottish Poppy Appeal.

Poppyscotland Chief Executive Mark Bibbey said: "At the heart of every poppy is someone's emotions, opinions and stories, and that's why we created Bud. This is not about imposing a particular view on visitors; quite the opposite in fact.

"Through contemporary conversations about the poppy and our heritage, we hope to better understand the significance of remembrance and its importance to society. We aim to challenge assumptions and create conversations, and, ultimately, engage with a more diverse audience.

"Over the next four years, Bud will play an important role in exploring the history of remembrance, through the eyes of veterans and ex-service men and women. It will be an absolute privilege to travel the length and breadth of the country, welcoming everyone on board to explore the space for themselves."

More than 50,000 Scots are expected to engage with Bud over the course of the campaign. It can travel anywhere in Scotland, attending events of all shapes and sizes.

If you want to discuss Bud attending your events you can book at <https://poppybud.org.uk/>



or contact Sandra Comrie, Bud Volunteer Support Coordinator on 0141 473 6221 / 07808 261076.

Scottish Government's National Walking Strategy & Action Plan to get Scotland walking

A country where more people choose to walk more often will be healthier, happier, greener, safer and more prosperous. We can all do our bit to get Scotland walking. Watch this new animation to find out more <https://vimeo.com/358006632>

And to talk about what you can do to get Scotland walking contact walkingstrategy@pathsforall.org.uk

The National Walking Strategy is the Scottish Government's ambition for a nation that walks more every day. More people walking will improve physical, mental and social health, create safer, friendlier and less polluted communities, and boost local economies through increased footfall and healthier, more productive staff.

To see the strategy and the action plan, revised earlier this year, visit:

<https://www.pathsforall.org.uk/mediaLibrary/other/english/186.pdf>
and

<https://www.pathsforall.org.uk/mediaLibrary/other/english/final-walking-strategy-action-plan-10-sept-2019.pdf>



Fast Forward—Gambling Support Training

The **Gambling Education Hub** is Scotland's only national gambling education and prevention programme run by **Fast Forward**, a national youth work charity, providing free training, resources and support to practitioners that work with young people and families.

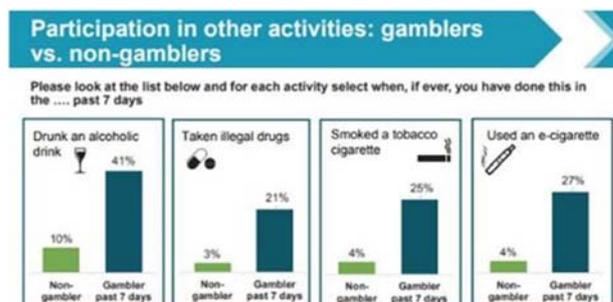


Working with Stirlingshire Voluntary Enterprise they are offering a free CPD session at the Stirling Court Hotel on the Tuesday 28 January for Staff/Volunteers working with Parents, Carers and Families.

To book this session please contact Rachel Johnston at rachel@sventerprise.org.uk

Gambling is often a hidden problem, yet it can negatively impact a person's health, their relationships and their employment, and it is often linked to other risk-taking behaviours, as pictured in the graph below, taken from the latest Gambling Commission's Report on young people aged 11-16.

If this is an opportunity you're interested in but no-one in your team can make the 28 January, please contact Donna Brunton, Gambling Education Officer at donna@fastforward.org.uk to request a bespoke training session for you and your colleagues, always free of charge.



Funding

The Greggs Foundation Funding

Greggs Foundation say one of the quickest ways to have a positive impact on local communities is to fund organisations that are already doing great work, and helping them to achieve more. Their Local Community Projects Fund awards grants of up to £2,000 to enable not for profit organisations to do something they otherwise couldn't afford to.



Applications open to organisations supporting people in need. Any smaller not for profit organisation (turnover less than £300,000) can apply.

They are interested in projects that improve resilience within your community. This can include sessional activities/respite support, equipment for sessional activities, trips and residential breaks. They are also interested in new approaches and innovative ideas as well as sustainable approaches to supporting your community. They do not fund running costs or continuation of existing and ongoing work.

All projects must support a community of interest, ie people who are:

- Disabled or suffering chronic illness
- Homeless people
- Living in poverty
- Isolated older people
- Voluntary carers
- Other demonstrable significant need

Round one of 2020 is open now with deadline of 23 February. Full details and apply online:

www.greggsfoundation.org.uk/grants/local-community-projects-fund

Ministry of Defence – Armed Forces Day

Funding is available to assist with Armed Forces Day festivities. It could be an event for your local community or a get-together with family and friends; perhaps a picnic in the park, themed bbq, street party or fête. Try to hold your event on or in the weeks around Saturday 27 June 2020.

For full details visit:

<https://www.armedforcesday.org.uk/get-involved/organise-your-own-event/>

or contact 0207 807 0970.

Application deadline 27 March 2020.



NHS Forth Valley - Food Activity Grant 2019-2020



Grants between £50 to £400 are available, for food activity projects, to organisations across Forth Valley, particularly those addressing inequalities within vulnerable communities.

Application form and full details from fidelma.guest@nhs.net - next closing date is 15 February 2020

NHS Forth Valley Nutrition and Dietetic Health Improvement Team offer support, resources, funding or training to take forward food, cooking or nutrition activities. Whether working with families and young children on food related activity, or work with people who may find it difficult to engage well with food and health messages the Team will be able to support you. If you need to know more about nutrition to help people you work with, or you want to run practical cooking groups and/or offer training in REHIS presenter/assessor courses for participants within your organisation contact the Team.

Find out more at www.nhsforthvalley.com/nutrition or contact Catherine.ely@nhs.net Tel: 01324614390

Run Stirling's festival of running is under starters orders for the New Year

Athletes of all ages and abilities will make Stirling their first-foot for sports in the New Year when Run Stirling launches in January 2020.

The day-long festival of running will provide a great day out for all the family, from the mass participation 7km Great Stirling Castle Run to junior and senior cross-country competitions, offering everyone from amateur joggers to fitness fanatics the chance to take part. The cross-country will also include the Home Countries and Celtic International Games, which will see representatives from Scotland, England, Northern Ireland and Wales battle it out for top honours.

All races are part of the British Cross Challenge Series, which gives up-and-coming athletes the opportunity to match themselves against established cross-country stars with competitive fields across all age groups: senior, under-20, under-17, under-15 and under-13.

The announcement comes on the back of the news that the Stirling Scottish Marathon will return to the city on Sunday 11th October, 2020, further cementing Stirling's reputation as a key location for top class sporting events.

Set against the iconic backdrop of Stirling Castle and across the grounds of Stirling Golf Club and historic Kings Park, the Festival of Running will offer a variety of events, including:

- A 7km Great Stirling Castle Run.
- Primary Schools 1km fun run.
- Inter-District Championships - North, East, West District representative teams.
- Celtic Cross Country International - Scotland v Wales v Ireland v N. Ireland.
- Home Countries Cross Country International - Scotland v England v Wales v N. Ireland.

For more information and to register visit

<https://www.greatrun.org/great-stirling-castle-run>



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Befriending Service



Town Break's befriending service runs throughout the council of Stirling.

Visits are roughly 2 hours per week and provide face-to-face interaction.

We match individuals based on mutually shared hobbies and interests.

We aim to meet individual needs and activities may include meeting for coffee, going for a walk etc.

Our befrienders are PVG checked and offer a wealth of experiences from many backgrounds.

The benefits may include;

- Discovering hobbies old and new
- Making new friendships
- Developing skills
- Building mutual confidence and self-esteem.



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