

# Johnstonebridge Centre and Community Development Trust Ltd Newsletter - October 2019



## Events Past and Present

The Centre has been a busy place recently with many more events planned. The recent Fun Day was a great success and enjoyed by the children, with thanks to support from Minnygap Community Benefit Fund. The well attended highlight of the year – the Johnstone Show also returned to the Centre. (see pictures above)

Tuesdays and Wednesdays are busy at the Centre with the all new **Parent and Toddlers Group** being a very welcome addition on Tuesdays and the return of **Carpet Bowling** on Tuesday evenings for the winter months. Wednesdays see the ever-popular **Lunch Club** offering food, friendship and activity with the **Youth Club** meeting on Wednesday evenings.

Upcoming events include a **Quiz Night** is on Friday 18th October at 7pm and a **Halloween Party** for children with best costume prize on 31st October. For more information keep an eye on the website, check Facebook or see Carmen at the Centre.



Did you know the Johnstone **Community Council** is in the process of re-establishing? If you are interested in getting involved or would like more information, then please speak to Carmen who will put you in touch with the right people.

## School house

The Old School House is falling into disrepair. The Trust recently met with DGHP who would like to know what would you like to do with it?

What would be the best way to bring this beautiful building back to life? Please get in touch if you have any suggestions for consideration.





## Parent and Toddlers

New Parent and Toddler Group meeting up every Tuesday afternoon at 1pm for a couple of hours. To allow parents with pre-school children, toddlers, babies and any under5's to get together and play and get to know others in the locality.

## Local Energy Scheme

Mিনnygap Wind Farm offers a Local Electrical Distribution Support (LEDS) scheme to residents located within 7.4km of the turbines. This allows you to claim £200 towards your electricity bill from RES the wind farm operator using their Unique Reference Code. This year the uptake has only been 60% - are you missing out? Contact [donna.hamilton@res-group.com](mailto:donna.hamilton@res-group.com)



## Youth Contributions

Our extremely popular Youth Club for the younger members of the Community (10-18 years) runs on Wednesday evenings between 18.30 and 8pm. It provides the youngsters with a much needed space to socialise, in turn they provide the village with some youth input, an amazing allotment selling eggs and veggies and more recently have undertaken a project to see Johnstonebridge bloom. Well done!!

## Construction Work

With thanks to SSE Clyde, Minnygap, Big Lottery and Annandale Estates for supporting the project, building work is well underway to construct a secure storage space for equipment and an overflow carpark. This will hopefully be followed by the fencing of a secure dog walking field thanks to Alison and the new Dog Walkers Group who have secured 50% of the funding already from ANCBC with an application for the remaining funds pending with Minnygap. 🐾



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