

Blackford Community Council

Newsletter - March 2018

Footbridge for Panholes Crossing?

Blackford Community Council is still in communication with Network Rail about the proposal to construct a footbridge on the Core Path at Panholes, to replace the pedestrian level crossing. Two years ago we were advised by Network Rail that they wanted to close the crossing and that a foot bridge would be built to replace it. The Community Council drew attention to the other significant development in the area, the railyard to be developed by Highland Spring. This development requires a diversion of the Core Path to accommodate the new siding.

At the November meeting of the Community Council, Network Rail told us of problems identifying a location for a footbridge. The Community Council is concerned about the delay in finalising the plans and is seeking assurances that the decision about the footbridge will take into account the needs of the community and the local economy, not simply the costs to Network Rail.

Blackford Community Council Website Re-design

The website has been re-designed and is, as before, available for the use of the community of Blackford. If you have information you would like to share via the website, please contact Bob Watkinson via the contact page.
www.blackfordcommunitycouncil.org.uk

Dog Mess

Dog owners—please pick up after your pet.
Do not leave it for others to do so.

Free Dog Waste Bags are available in the Village Store and dog waste can be placed in any of the PKC roadside rubbish bins.

Village Speed Limit.

Please observe the speed limit in the village.

Thank you.

BLACKFORD COMMUNITY FUND - 2018 CLOSING DATES



Wed 28th March and ***Wed 29th August***



Twice a year local groups can apply for grants of up to £1,500 to the Blackford Community Fund.

Application forms are available from the Village Shop or can be downloaded from www.foundationscotland.org.uk/blackford

PANEL VACANCY We have a vacancy for a Blackford resident to join the panel. If you are interested in joining the panel, please go to <https://www.foundationscotland.org.uk/communities/funds/blackford-panel/> complete the nomination form and return to Foundation Scotland.

Need more information? Contact: Rosalind Becroft Foundation Scotland, 15 Calton Rd, Edinburgh, EH8 8DL T: 0131 524 0300

UPDATE: Alternative Access to Blackford. Blackford Community Council will continue to lobby for a new road at the Highland Spring end of the village and has written to Perth & Kinross Councillors requesting funding be allocated in the Council's capital budget to allow the new road entrance to go ahead. Costs would be offset by the contribution promised by Highland Spring. Please contact as many Councillors as you can to add your support. Find contact details at <https://perth-and-kinross.cmis.uk.com/perth-and-kinross/Councillors.aspx>

Village Events March—September 2018

Blackford Gala

Our annual Duck race will be held on Sunday 15th April with entries available in advance or on the day. Look out for our flyer in the middle of March to confirm other competitions that afternoon.

Gala Day is Sunday 10th June with the full week of activities kicking off the previous weekend.

Follow us on Facebook at "Blackford Gala Week".

Blackford Parish Church

Easter is a fantastic time of year for any church and Blackford is no different.

There will be extra services as we reach Holy Week at the end of the month. Easter Day kicks off at 8:00am with a service in the Old Church on the hill.

Church Coffee Mornings will follow our new pattern of mixing Tuesdays and Saturdays.

All events are in Blackford Bowling Club from 10:00am.

Dates until the summer are:

Sat. 31st March, Tue. 1st May, Tue. 5th June,
Sat. 7th July.

Blackford Flower Show

Saturday, 1st September 2018

Information will be available nearer the time.

Blackford Historical Society

Last Monday of the month, Sept. to Apr. (except Dec).

7.30pm, Church Session House.

Blackford Crafters

1st & 3rd Tuesdays of the month between September and May, 7.30-9.30pm in the Moray Institute.

Cost £1/night.

Contact blackfordcrafters@hotmail.co.uk.

Blackford Highland Games (The 149th Gathering)

Saturday 26th May 2018

Gates Open at 8:30am

Events start at 11:00am

This year's Chieftain
'The high flying Scot' - **Bill Ross**

Admission

Adults £7.00

Concessions £5.00

Children £2.00 (Under 5s free)

Come along and have a great day out.

Mother & Toddler Group

Friday mornings, 9.30-11.30am,

In the Moray Institute

All ages of children welcome.

Cost- £2.50 per family, includes lots of toys to play with, a snack for children and coffee and cake for adults.

Tel. Shona Stewart 07986 614 027

for more details.

Blackford SWI

2nd Tuesday of the month, between September.-

May. at 7.30pm in the Moray Institute.

All welcome.

Check noticeboard for details.

Check out the public noticeboards for meetings of other groups in Blackford.

New members always welcome.

Community Council Members

Janet Law (Chair), Katharine Huggett (Vice-Chair), Irene McLaughlan (Treasurer),

Bet Illand, Alison Dawson, Iain Paton and Bob Watkinson.

Meetings last Tuesday of the month except July and December, 7.30pm, Small Hall, Moray Institute.

Please contact Janet Law, Chair, Blackford Community Council on 682315 or via the contacts page at www.blackfordcommunitycouncil.org.uk with any questions or comments on any of the above.