



Blackford Community Council



Newsletter - December 2019

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Blackford Community Councillors

From 7th November 2019, the following people are the Community Councillors for Blackford.

Iain Paton, Katharine Huggett, Janet Law, Irene McLaughlan,

Bob Watkinson, Ann Gaunt, Caitriona Hutton and Antony Reeman-Clark.

At the October Community Council Meeting, those standing down were thanked for their time serving as Community Councillors.

The Railyard and Highland Spring

The assigned contractor for the groundwork for the Railyard is now in place and work has started. The Traffic Management Plan, submitted to Perth & Kinross Council, took into account the comments submitted by the public to Blackford Community Council and building on the previous traffic management plans. Highland Spring delivered leaflets with more detail to properties adjacent to the site and to properties in Moray Street.

The information shared with the Community Council about the construction traffic is as follows:

1. Traffic through the village will be during the hours of 7.00am-10.00pm, except for the following times:- 8.30-9.15am and 3.00-3.45pm due to the school opening and closing. Vehicles can be on site during this time provided they arrive before 8.30am and 3.00pm.
2. Speed limit of 20mph through Blackford, reducing to 10mph before reaching the school.
3. Drivers heading to and from the site must only drive through the main street of Blackford (Moray St B8081).
4. ALL site vehicles must park on site.

There will be signs at the top of the village advising 20mph limit for construction traffic with reminders further down the street. Lorries must go straight to site without stopping at the shop and are to be encouraged to walk from the site to the shop. Leaving site, all vehicles must turn left.

There are no plans for night-time working.

**Any questions or comments about the scheme, contact Highland Spring on 01764 660637
or email blackfordrail@highlandspringgroup.com**

When further information is received by the Community Council, it will be posted on the Community Council's website.

Please be aware, not all construction lorries in the village are connected with the Railyard development.



BLACKFORD COMMUNITY FUND

2019 marked 10 years of the fund supporting Blackford Groups



Twice a year, local groups can apply for grants of up to £1,500 to the Blackford Community Fund. Application forms can be downloaded from www.foundationscotland.org.uk/blackford

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

Blackford / Trebsen Twinning

In September a delegation from Blackford attended the Highland Games in Trebsen and had a most interesting and enjoyable weekend.

On Sunday 15th September the Blackford Community Council representative, Irene McLaughlan, and the Mayor of Trebsen, Stefan Muller, signed the Twinning Agreement.

The full report is available on the Community Council's website (details at the bottom of the page) or by contacting the chair of the Twinning Committee, Irene McLaughlan, on 01764 682495.

An invitation has been extended to Trebsen to join us to celebrate the 150th Blackford Highland Games. The Twinning Committee is organising the weekend for our guests. We need the offer of accommodation for several guests. If this is something you would be able to assist with, please contact Irene McLaughlan on 01764 682495 or email enquiries@blackfordcommunitycouncil.org.uk. By Monday 16th December 2019.

Blackford A9 Junction Upgrade

We have received information from Perth & Kinross Council about a consultation being conducted, by Transport Scotland for the Scottish Government, to establish priorities for major transport infrastructure projects for the future. This is the long awaited opportunity for us to express concern about the need for grade separated junction at Blackford to be constructed as a priority. Please could you spare a few minutes to take part, as an individual.

This will help support the Community Council's submission.

The link is:- <https://www.transport.gov.scot/our-approach/strategy/strategic-transport-projects-review-2>

Paths

If you would like to help to keep footpaths open, there is an informal voluntary group which would love to have you as part of the team. Work involves cutting back undergrowth and removing blockages.

Please contact Kirsty Tulloch at Kirstytulloch92@gmail.com

Cycling on Pavements

Please be aware at present there is only one pavement designated as shared use (beside the school).

Anyone cycling on a footway or footpath in Scotland is committing an offence under the provisions of Section 129(5) of the Roads (Scotland) Act 1984. Please remember this, especially in Moray street, where many properties have doors opening straight onto the street.

Mobile Post Office

Days and times for the Mobile Post Office

Monday 11.30am—1.30pm

Tuesday 11am—1pm

Thursday 9am—11am

Dates for Your Diary 2020

Blackford Highland Games

30th May 2020
150th Highland Games

Blackford Gala

14th June 2020
Gala Day

Community Council Members

Iain Paton (Chair), Katharine Huggett (Vice-Chair), Irene McLaughlan (Treasurer), Janet Law, Bob Watkinson, Ann Gaunt, Caitriona Hutton and Tony Reeman-Clark.

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

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