

# Blackford Community Council

## Newsletter - March 2019

### The Railyard and Highland Spring

Hopefully by the time you receive this newsletter the bridge will be open. If it's not, it will not be long. Network Rail have told us we will get access to the Red Brae by the end of March. The diverted footpaths are being finished as we prepare this newsletter. Highland Spring have not yet decided who the main contractor will be and we will let you know what is happening on the railyard via our web site as soon as we know any more.

[www.blackfordcommunitycouncil.org.uk](http://www.blackfordcommunitycouncil.org.uk)

If you have a problem with Highland Spring Traffic in the Village, please report it direct to Highland Spring on [BlackfordTraffic@highlandspringgroup.com](mailto:BlackfordTraffic@highlandspringgroup.com). Please include details of the issue, the HGV registration number, branding, day and time and any images or video you have of the problem to enable identification of the vehicle causing the issue. If they do not have this information they are unable to look into the report.

### Focus on Moray Street

Pictures in Blackford Historical Society's website show the street is the same width now as when it was created. The traffic calming road markings are designed to slow down traffic by "visually" narrowing the road when there are no parked cars. Police Scotland confirmed at a Community Council meeting the box lines are advisory, so all wheels for vehicles should be on the road, not the pavement.

Cyclists, be aware of the many doors opening directly onto the pavement. Some residents have complained of near misses. With the exception of the dual-use pavement at the school, adults should not be cycling on the pavement.

### BLACKFORD COMMUNITY FUND - 2019 CLOSING DATES

**\*Wednesday 10th April\* and \*Friday 30th 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](http://www.foundationscotland.org.uk/blackford)

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

### Contact Phone Numbers

The Community Councillors will happily follow up reports made to PKC for road faults, potholes, dogs mess and street lights but please report the problem before you tell us. Here is a list of the contact numbers to call.

<b>Potholes and road faults (PKC)</b>	<b>01738 476476</b>	<b>Street light faults (Clarence)</b>	<b>0800 23 23 23</b>
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<b>Potholes and road faults on A9</b>	<b>0800 028 1414</b>	<b>Dog mess/ barking/control</b>	<b>01738 476476</b>
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<b>Sewerage on roads or paths (Scottish Water)</b>	<b>0800 0778 778</b>
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## **Village Events March—September 2019**

### **Blackford to host Twinning Guests from Germany to attend The Blackford Games 25th May**

Last year Blackford Community Council heard that the town of Trebsen in Germany was looking to form a Twinning relationship with a community in Blackford which has a Highland Games. Trebsen has had its own Highland Games for 20 years.

The Community Council contacted Blackford organisations and, following a positive response, formed a Twinning Committee which has representation from Blackford Primary School, Blackford Church, Blackford Games Committee, Blackford Fiddle Group, Blackford SWI, Blackford Bowling Club, Blackford Gala, Tullibardine Distillery and Highland Spring. The Committee is chaired by Irene McLaughlan, Community Councillor.

Invitations were extended to Trebsen to send representatives to visit for the last weekend in May and to attend the Blackford Highland Games. Five guests including the Mayor of Trebsen have accepted and a programme of visits is being organised by the school, the Church, Highland Spring and Tullibardine. Trebsen Guests will have VIP hospitality at the Highland Games.

### **Community Ceilidh**

A Community Ceilidh is being organised for the evening of the 25th May after the Games. Blackford Fiddle Group will play for the Ceilidh. Tarneybackle will give a guest appearance.

Tickets will be on sale in advance as numbers are limited.

Tickets are Adults £10 or Families £25 (for two adults plus children) to include a light supper.

If you would like to reserve tickets please contact Janet Law on 682315

or [enquiries@blackfordcommunitycouncil.org.uk](mailto:enquiries@blackfordcommunitycouncil.org.uk)



**Moray Institute at 7.30pm**



### **Blackford Gala**

Our annual Duck race will be held on Sunday 21st April.

Gala Day is Sunday 9th June with the full week of activities kicking off the previous weekend.

Follow us on Facebook at "Blackford Gala Week".

### **Blackford Highland Games**

Saturday 25th May 2019

**This year's Chieftain**

William Drummond -Moray

### **Blackford Flower Show**

Saturday, 7th September 2019

Information will be available nearer the time.

For information about Blackford Groups, check out the public noticeboards. 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](http://www.blackfordcommunitycouncil.org.uk) with any questions or comments on any of the above.*