

***WHAT'S NEW IN BALDERNOCK in April 2020–  
Baldernock Community Council in conjunction with  
Baldernock Community Development Trust and other  
community groups in Baldernock.***

***Please remember to put this newsletter through neighbour's  
doors if they do not receive one. We would also like to increase  
the distribution of this newsletter so please gather emails.***

***What's new***

***Points of Contact - Contact details for those requiring  
help and those wishing to help during this time.***

***Enjoy stories from around the Parish – We are looking  
for more!***

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***What's New***

Over the weeks useful information has been added to the **Website** - [www.baldernock.org.uk](http://www.baldernock.org.uk). This includes information regarding shops providing delivery services, libraries, etc. Please keep us informed if you have discovered other avenues for food, garden plants, general supplies etc.

**East Dunbartonshire Council** – recycling is back but check their website for changes.

**Springburn Foodbank** - There are opportunities to give to local foodbanks and a collection point for the Springburn Foodbank are provided at Solid Rock Cycles, at Colbeg on the Balmore Road. They are also looking for children's crafts etc to take to families confined inside. Large boxes are provided in the entrance to the shop.

**Baldernock Parish Church** – Services can be heard through the following link <http://www.stpaulsmilngavie.org.uk>

Listen out on **Thursday at 8 pm** for the church bells which accompany prayers.

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**Prayers** – some local families and individuals are gathering together on-line to pray for our community and beyond. This has grown from a group that used to have prayer and meditation in Baldernock Church. If you would like to join this group or contact them please email [baldernockprayers@gmail.com](mailto:baldernockprayers@gmail.com)

**Broadband** – The following was written by Lesley Wiseman and the community Council is supporting her appeal for help in this area. **We are asking that if any household in the community has similar problems please contact us so we can collate information.** [baldernockcc@googlemail.com](mailto:baldernockcc@googlemail.com)

*A number of premises in Baldernock are still unable to access superfast broadband, much to the frustration of those residents and the potential detriment of businesses they are trying to run from home at this time.*

*The R100 project has been established as a follow-on contract to help upgrade around 180,000 premises across all parts of Scotland that are still stuck on slower broadband services as a result of being missed by the original £442m Digital Scotland (DSSB) project with BT (Openreach) which ended in March 2020. (I have been informed that we are one of those premises that were not included in that DSSB project.) Overall this represents around 5% of homes and businesses in Scotland who cannot yet access 30Mbps+. In October 2019 it was announced that BT had won the contract for LOT 2 (Central Scotland) which should include these Baldernock dwellings, but to date I have been unable to find out whether that is certainly the case.*

*I hope that anyone residing in Baldernock without access to superfast broadband will contact the R100 project ([R100enquiries@gov.scot](mailto:R100enquiries@gov.scot)) to ask when they will be provided with FTTP or other technology to allow them to access the kinds of broadband speeds that 95% of homes and businesses in Scotland now take for granted.*

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**Baldernock Community Council** - Contact  
[baldernockcc@googlemail.com](mailto:baldernockcc@googlemail.com) Please continue to keep us  
informed of your concerns.

**Baldernock Community Development Trust** - You can find notes of our meetings on the Baldernock website at [www.baldernock.org.uk](http://www.baldernock.org.uk) along with more information about the Trust and its work. In a community like ours, everyone will be helping each other as much as we can, but if you use Facebook you might also like to use the Trust's Swap & Share facility to seek or offer help and support. Our insurance is due for renewal. We would like to invite small contributions to Trust funds and are developing an easy way to make those online or by phone. If you would like to know more, please contact us at [baldernockcdt@gmail.com](mailto:baldernockcdt@gmail.com).

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## ***Stories from around the Parish.***

Some of us are taking time to write down our memories of Baldernock over the years and it is also planned to record interviews with some of our Baldernock folks. A kaleidoscope of reflections about what life was like in Baldernock . . . . drawing upon recollections and describing experiences that are memorable . . . ***If you would like to take part in this project, or know more, please email [baldernockcc@gmail.com](mailto:baldernockcc@gmail.com) or [ceita.duthchasworks@outlook.com](mailto:ceita.duthchasworks@outlook.com)***

Some of the topics could include:

**Home life and leisure**

**School days**

**Farming and nurseries**

**Transport and the railway**

**Houses and places**

**People**

***Work***

***WW2***

***Perhaps you could ask your neighbour or relatives if they have stories to share; can they perhaps solve the mystery of***

***have stories to share; can they perhaps solve the mystery of The Recluse's Stones? The tale is told in the attached but where are they now?***

**The Goose Hoose** - Nellie and Eddie Duncan, who lived at Fluchter in the 1940s, had several animals, including geese, hens and goats. Local schoolchildren used to take to the fields, to avoid passing the Goose Hoose where the geese could be quite vicious, running out from the garden to chase off the children.

**The Recluses Stones** - In October 1906 the Glasgow Evening News reported the presence of strange inscribed stones at Balmore. They had been found at the edge of a wood, less than five minutes walk from the village, presumably uphill towards either Fluchter or Glenorchard. Local tradition suggested that they had formed part of the isolated dwelling of a former resident, thought of as a religious hermit, and the journalist confirmed they did have the appearance of building stone. He stated that there had been four stones, although he only saw two himself, the others having been spirited away prior to his visit. No information is given on size, composition or shape so it is difficult to identify their original purpose with certainty. The first may have been a lintel stone, as its inscription read: "This house stands for ever to the honour of Jesus" One end another carving read: "Christ and me forever" On the opposite side of the road the writer found a second stone, this one being inscribed: "Believe in Christ, for he is God" With another inscription "Come to Christ" Both stones also carried the carved initials J E S M, but, other than this, there is no clue to the identity of the carver. The two missing stones may have been removed by an unhappy local, as, apparently, they carried non-flattering inscriptions about the parish occupants. The third stone had an incomplete inscription: "A hint to a you Christian A stranger; country people are ignorant and rude" While a fourth one read: "I have not found a Christian in the whole of Baldernock"

**Who was the mystery sculptor and why did he dislike local people? Where are the stones now?**

***Note from the Editors:*** *If you have anything to include in future editions please contact the editor at this email address ([baldernockcc@gmail.com](mailto:baldernockcc@gmail.com)) or call Celia on 01360 620220. Please get in touch if you move or your email address changes, or if you would like us to remove your email address from our database. If you know of anyone who would like to receive the newsletter, please put them in touch with us. If they don't use email, please consider printing a copy of the newsletter for them or let us know*

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