

What's New in Baldernock in April 2023

Baldernock Community Council

www.baldernock.org.uk – provides information on Baldernock and its organizations as well as minutes of the Community Council meetings and Baldernock Trust. If you have something to submit, please email: baldernockcc@gmail.com

Community litter pick – Many thanks to all who took part in the litter pick and to many who regularly litter pick on their walks around the Parish. We had a great attendance at the community Café for the free soup and role, provided by the Community Council. The PTA of Baldernock School held a baking stall which was successful. Thanks to all the staff involved in the Café, soup making and all, and to Jane for organising the litter pick. Thanks also to the baker in Torrance who gave us a reduction on the roles.

Tree Planting in Baldernock on agricultural worked land – The Community Council are assisting local farmers who are facing losing rented fields to trees planted by Caledonian Estates, through Galbraiths. Please see the attachment to this newsletter and view details in www.baldernock.org.uk in the section Caledonian Properties. These trees would have a major impact on the landscape of Baldernock as well as threatening the livelihoods of our local farmers. Further details attached.

Dates for your diary

Sunday 2nd- Baldernock Parish Church – 12 noon – and all following Sundays. Tea and Coffee after the service on the last Sunday of the Month.

Wednesday to Friday 5th 6th 7th – An exhibition telling the Easter story in Fabric and Flora at St Paul's Parish Church, Milngavie – look out for the Roman themed exhibit from Baldernock.

Friday 7th – 'First Friday' Gathering at the Golf Club, 6.30pm-10.00pm. On the first Friday of every month Balmore Golf Club bar will be open to all Baldernock residents. Families welcome. Please come along to meet up with your friends and neighbours in the

warm, comfortable and well-stocked bar of the golf club which is located at the heart of our community. For more information please contact Lesley on lesley.wiseman@hotmail.com or on 07810698678. Please note the 5th of May below and entertainment for children.

Sunday 9th – EASTER DAY – Easter Walk to the Blairskaith Trig Point – meet at East Blairskaith Farm at 8.30am

Easter Day Service in Church at 12 noon

Saturday 15th – Ladies that Walk – further details to follow. All welcome and please contact handyannie@hotmail.com if you would like to join the group.

Monday 24th – Torrance and Baldernock Heritage and History Group - James Kennedy 'The Spanish Influenza Pandemic in Scotland' – Caldwell Halls – Torrance – 7.30 pm.

5th May – First Friday Gathering (see above) - Note that families are welcome to the gatherings. The Baldernock Trust has arranged that a magician (Magic by Davro) will entertain the children from 7-8pm. Note that there is an event at the Golf Club on the first Friday of June, so the 'First Friday Gathering' in June will be **on Friday 9th June.**

7th May – Baldernock Church - 12 noon Service to reflect on the Coronation , followed by refreshments

28th May – Parish Picnic – BYO Picnic – at Baldernock Glebe – fun for all the family

June 9th – Baldernock Primary School – 150th Birthday. All the community welcome – please save the date.

[Further information on the above events.](#)

[Baldernock Community Council – next meeting May 8th in the](#)

Church Hall, Balmore. Please see minutes of our previous meeting on the Baldernock website. Do contact us with your concerns.baldernockcc@gmail.com

Roads – a useful site for checking on Road closures.
<https://www.eastdunbarton.gov.uk/residents/roads-pavements-and-parking/scheduled-road-closures-and-road-works>

THE BALDERNOCK TRUST -Better Broadband: Baldernock Community Fibre Partnership - Work is now well underway as Openreach engineers strive towards completing the full build by this summer. There's a list of all of the addresses included in the CFP, and more information about the project, on the Baldernock website at <https://www.baldernock.org.uk/broadband>.

Sketching Outdoors in Baldernock - All levels of experience and inexperience welcome! For more details and to register your interest in future sketching days please contact local artist Judy Spark at judithspark@outlook.com.

Baldernock Teen cafe/Youth club - The Baldernock Trust are offering a paid position overseeing a monthly or fortnightly evening club/cafe for teenagers who live in or have a connection to Baldernock. No experience is necessary. You would be required to join the PVG scheme (Disclosure Scotland). Please contact thebaldernocktrust@gmail.com for further details.

Better community facilities in Baldernock - The Baldernock Trust has been helping to make the Church Hall in Balmore a more welcoming space for community events. It has also been exploring ideas for a new nursery building at the school (see Better Community Space in Baldernock at (<https://www.baldernock.org.uk/thetrust>): the Trust awaits communication from EDC following a meeting with senior members of EDC's Early Years team and will share any proposals with the community as soon as possible.

Online calendar of events - To help co-ordinate and publicise community events, The Baldernock Trust has set up an online, shared calendar which anyone organising a local event is invited to use. Please contact Kate for details: katemenzies1@yahoo.co.uk.

New projects to benefit Baldernock? - The Baldernock Trust is keen to support local active travel initiatives and any other projects that would benefit the community. For example, it is currently exploring a scheme that might allow it to purchase electric bikes for

community use. If you would like to suggest projects or activities, please get in touch at thebaldernocktrust@gmail.com.

If you would like to join the Trust or its board of directors, please get in touch at thebaldernocktrust@gmail.com. For more information about The Baldernock Trust please check out our Facebook page or our content on the Baldernock website at <https://www.baldernock.org.uk/thetrust>.

Bardowie Sailing Club -Evening sailing lessons are now available to book at Bardowie loch. <https://clydecruisingclub.org/booking/type/training>

You can find out more about training at <https://cccds.co.uk/training>, with detail at <https://cccds.co.uk/answers>.

Baldernock Childcare - is open during the school term-time and provides nursery places for 2 - 5-year-olds every day from 9am until 2pm. Funding is available from East Dunbartonshire for eligible 2-year-olds and all 3+ year olds. We also offer Afterschool care to school age children. For enquiries, please contact 0141 9552343 or edbaldernock@glow.org.uk.

Bardowie Tennis Club please contact Ron Montgomery on 07584-354775 by text or phone for more information.

Helpful site to report fraud – national Fraud and Cyber Crime Reporting Centre03001232040

Prayers – some local families and individuals are gathering on-line to pray for our community and beyond. If you would like to join this group or contact them, please email baldernockprayers@gmail.com

Points of Contact Email – Baldernock Community Council baldernockcc@gmail.com

Facebook – Baldernock Trust – including the **Trusts Swop and Share Facility** baldernockcdt@gmail.com

Twitter - @Baldernock

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Do you know about the proposed tree planting in Baldernock?

Caledonian Estates plan to plant thousands of trees on land which is currently attractive, open farmland, home to a variety of wildlife and farmed by local farmers, some of whom have farmed here for generations.

Baldernock Community Council are concerned that this plan will drastically change the local landscape and wildlife habitat, threaten livelihoods, and affect the many people who walk and cycle in the area.

It is also believed that the plan will generate more carbon than it is intended to capture.

Applications to plant trees are overseen by Scottish Forestry, a Scottish Government Department.

For details of the plans, please see the Baldernock Community Council website: <https://www.baldernock.org.uk>

If you have concerns about this plan, please contact your local MSP, Rona Mackay.

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