

WHAT'S NEW IN BALDERNOCK in June 2022 - 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

Local Job Opportunities – see Baldernock Childcare below.

Having problems with companies finding you - Look at the item on mapping of Baldernock below.

Baldernock Big Picnic – thanks to all who supported the event on the 29th to celebrate both the Queen's Platinum Jubilee and the opening of the church watchhouse exhibition for the summer months, with 100 or so aged 7 weeks to 80+ enjoying a picnic lunch in the sunshine, field games, refreshments and good old family fun ...best of all was the chance to blether with friends and neighbours (new and old). As many have commented 'Baldernock at it's best' Thanks to all the helpers and to Maggie who made the stunning celebratory cake featuring images of the church and parish.

Dates for your diary

Saturday 4th – Campsie Show – look out for the church stand.

Sunday 5th - Baldernock Parish Church – 12 noon – and all following Sundays,

Sunday 5th – August – 2 – 4 pm – Watchhouse Exhibition at the Church – free tea and coffee.

Wednesday 4th – Police Surgery – see details below. The local police have agreed to come to the next meeting of the CC on the 11th July.

Saturday 18th - Ladies that walk – details to be given nearer the time. If interested contact Anne Alexander on 0141 956 2919. All welcome.

Monday July 11th – Community Council Meeting – 7.30 pm – Church Hall Balmore.

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Information on the above events and local organisations

Baldernock Community Council – our meeting on May 9th covered a range of issues. The roads, with particular note of the roads in Bardowie and Balmore, planning, mapping of the area, tartan project, broadband, village signage, and baldernock birds. A subgroup was set up by the community council to look into the proposed tree planting by Caledonian Estates on some arable land. Their investigations are ongoing. Please join us at our next meeting to discuss these issues and any additional you may have or email baldernockcc@gmail.com Minutes of our meetings can be found on the Baldernock website. www.baldernock.org.uk

Ultrafast Broadband for Baldernock – Thank you to all who pledged their government vouchers to our Community Fibre Partnership with Openreach. We expect to hear soon about when emails will be sent to all who pledged to ask them to confirm that pledge – we will let you know when that happens and would ask you to please respond to the email immediately. In a rural community like ours, full-fibre broadband will bring us all fantastic advantages so thank you for your support of this project and look out for those emails. There's more information at <https://www.baldernock.org.uk/broadband> or contact Lesley if you have any questions, at lesley.wiseman@hotmail.com or on 07810698678.

The Baldernock Trust is the new name for Baldernock Community Development Trust.

Local artist Judy Spark (judyspark.co.uk) recently approached the Trust to propose an outdoor sketching day in Baldernock. Please see the attachment for more details. All welcome. Please contact Judy at Judithspark@outlook.com for more information or to register your interest.

The Trust plans some Baldernock Youth Club sessions for primary age children over the summer months which may continue into the new school year. For more information, or to volunteer to help with this or with a Teens Youth Club, please get in touch with Kate at katemenzies1@yahoo.co.uk.

A collaboration between the Trust and Baldernock Community Council to bring full-fibre broadband to almost all parts of Baldernock looks set to succeed although there are still some steps to be taken (see elsewhere in this newsletter for details). Another collaboration with Baldernock Community Council is to produce a community 'newspaper' to be delivered a few times a year to every address in Baldernock. If you would be willing to deliver this to your neighbours or help in other ways, please get in touch at baldernockcdt@gmail.com.

The Trust's major projects - a purpose-built nursery building at the school and making the Church Hall a more welcoming community space – are ongoing.

The Trust will again be producing a Baldernock calendar for 2023, and welcomes your photographs taken in Baldernock. Please send these to Jane at jp.logan@yahoo.co.uk.

The Trust has initiated a community calendar of events to which anyone organising a local event is invited to contribute: please email Kate at katemenzies1@yahoo.co.uk for details.

The Trust is now the umbrella organisation for the Baldernock Tartan project, and it is keen to support any local active travel initiatives. If you would like to find out more, help with any of the Trust's activities, or suggest new ones, please get in touch at baldernockcdt@gmail.com. Baldernock Childcare

Baldernock Childcare - We have a job opening within our nursery and after school care service, Tuesdays and Thursdays 9am - 6pm (term time only). Applicants must hold a minimum of SVQ3/SCQF Level 7/the equivalent, or have childcare experience and be willing to work towards the relevant qualifications. Please see our Facebook page for further details. Or contact us at edbaldernock@glowmail.org.uk and 07703 677977 / 0141 9552343.

We are also looking for quite a large quantity of bark (play safe) for the Nursery garden. If anybody is able to donate any, or knows of a business that may have some spare, we would be extremely grateful! Please contact us at edbaldernock@glowmail.org.uk and 07703 677977 / 0141 9552343.

Mapping of Baldernock -Every property in Baldernock has a unique property reference number (UPRN) against the address. It has been found that a few of the actual UPRN addresses, in East

Dunbartonshire Council's GIS (Geographic Information System) mapping are wrong, particularly in outlying areas. It is also the case that several properties are wrongly allocated to an incorrect road name. We have already identified some errors and will be submitting a list to EDC. They advise that every property should be allocated to a road name in their mapping. EDC has also advised that if there are issues with a delivery company or emergency service locating a property, if we let them know, they will investigate and liaise with the appropriate parties to alleviate issues. If you have any problems in this respect, or wish to find out more, please email BCC baldernockcc@gmail.com.

Birds of Baldernock Parish - James Bartholomew, who lived in Glenorchard House was a founder member of the Scottish Society for the Protection of Birds and the Scottish Ornithologists' Club. He wrote articles on The Birds of Baldernock Parish and The Birds and Mammals of Glenorchard District, Stirlingshire. Fiona Howie is working on a list of birds currently known in Baldernock along with those that are now no longer seen in the area. If you have carried out your own bird survey in Baldernock and wish to share your findings or wish to help with this project, please contact Fiona e: fahowie@btinternet.com The information will eventually be published on the www.baldernock.org website.

Sign up for the big plastic Count –

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source=PM&subsource=OCPOPSOAPM01FZ](https://thebigplasticcount.com/sign-up?source=PM&subsource=OCPOPSOAPM01FZ)

[https://thebigplasticcount.com/media/The-Big-Plastic-Count-
Tally-Sheet-Digital.pdf](https://thebigplasticcount.com/media/The-Big-Plastic-Count-Tally-Sheet-Digital.pdf)

Police Surgery – Emma Davidson (Baldernock Community Policeman) and PC Dan Harris (Lennoxtown community officer) will be hosting a surgery ("Cuppa with a copper") at the Fells café at the beginning of every month between 11a

Bardowie Tennis Club - is fully open and welcomes players of any standard - please contact Ron Montgomery on 07584-354775 by text or phone for more information.

Balmore Golf Club – Please remember to use the excellent catering facilities at the club. **JUNIOR COACHING PROGRAMME** - Balmore is looking to continue with a junior coaching programme in 2022 and as before these will be held on Sunday afternoons from the 31 April for 8 weeks. There will be separate coaching for P2-P7 and P8-P14. The coaching is available to juniors of any membership

and 5 –54. The coaching is available to juniors or non members and if this is of interest please contact member Adam Burns on 07801 593484.

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

Note from Editor - Baldernock Community Council collects, uses, and stores personal data such as names, addresses and emails, in order to pursue the community objectives, set out in our constitution and to keep you informed of community news and activities. All personal data will be kept securely, and we will inform you in advance of any data which will be shared with others. Minutes of a Community Council meeting are considered a public record and will be made publicly available and archived. Other documentation presented at meetings may also be treated in this way. Under the terms of the General Data Protection Regulation, you have various rights with respect to your personal data, including the right to access a copy of what we hold on you; have it changed or removed. Contact baldernockcc@gmail.com if you wish to do this or if you require more infor

Outdoor Sketching around Baldernock Parish

I have always been interested in the experience of borders and edges – I used to live at the edge of the city and presently, I am living in my childhood home at the edge of Bearsden (not quite suburbia, not quite rural). I recently re-discovered Baldernock, an area I do not know well and did not know about at all as a child running around the Kessington fields. I have been enjoying walking and attempting to draw, around Blairkaith Linn. Strangely, from my first visit, I felt a strong connection to this place – perhaps because, although new to me, the landscape is familiar from other landscapes I have known and also, places I know well from a different viewpoint, can be seen differently from up here. And there is the sense again, of being on the edge of somewhere in this semi-rural location.



However, I find the activity of drawing outdoors quite difficult....I feel self conscious of passers by; worry that I could be mugged if I lose myself too much in the flow of drawing; become hungry/thirsty/ tired/ need the loo or am attacked by midgies; attract the attention of interested dogs and people. If none of that puts me



attention or interested dogs and so on. If none of that puts me off then The Critic steps in. I feel sure it wasn't like this for Ruskin and I can almost hear his scathing admonishments of my lack of discipline.

So I need your help:

I am keen to find people who might be interested in using drawing as a way of exploring their personal connection to the special location and environment of Baldernock Parish. This might relate to an interest in the natural environment here or to how the landscape has changed and evolved if you have known it over a long time, or it might be to do with the effects of this place upon you – how it affects your mind and body or how it exists in your personal memories, whether of here or other places.

The aim of the day is simply to enjoy the experience of drawing and chatting with no focus whatsoever on outcome or critique.

You don't need to have any prior experience of drawing, just come along with:

- A sketchbook and some drawing materials that are manageable to use outdoors.
- Perhaps something to sit on – even if just a plastic bag.
- A flask with a hot drink and a snack would be a good idea.
- A willingness to chat.
-and of course warm, dry clothing and waterproof footwear!

I'm imagining that we would sketch on our own, though around the same location, then stop for a coffee and a chat together about what we're doing (no need to show anything unless you want to). Then sketch for a bit longer and end with a further chat about how the day has been. We would be out for between two to three hours.

While I do teach, I am not offering tuition – rather my hope is that we might be able to find ways to support each other, even if it's just by keeping an eye on the local dogs!

Image: *Awful Protection Against Midgies* John Everett Millais, 1853