

WHAT'S NEW IN BALDERNOCK in March 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

A month of farewells as well as a time of looking forward to new beginnings.

Farewells - Following the death of Paul Bishop, who joins the ranks of those who have campaigned and loved this parish, his wife wished me to include the following. *"Geraldine and the family would like to thank the good folk of Baldernock for their love and support during Paul's illness and after he died. Your prayers, practical kindness and thoughtfulness have been much appreciated. We received scores of cards, letters and emails and we will try to respond to every one of them over time. Thanks to those who came to the funeral and to the burial in such dreich weather. "*

New beginnings – it has been great to receive submissions for this Newsletter. The diary is filling out and groups are restarting. Please note developments on Broadband, the tree planting, new arrangements for the History Group, the Baldernock Book group, and the Community council meeting, information regarding accessibility to your address, and much more. Its worth reading to the end!!

Dates for the diary

[Wednesday 2nd](#) – [Police Surgery](#) – see details below.

Sunday 6th - Baldernock Parish Church – 12 noon – and all following Sundays.

Monday 14th – Meeting Baldernock Community Council – Baldernock Church Hall – 7.30 pm. More details below. Please wear a face mask to this meeting.

Saturday 19th – Ladies that Walk – a chance for those new to the community to meet others, and for those more familiar to catch up!!

Please phone Anne Alexander if you wish to be added to the mailing list. 0141 956 2919

Saturday 26th and Sunday 27th – Tree planting – meet at the top of the Linn Brae – details below under Baldernock Trust.

Monday 28th - Baldernock Local History Group 7.30 pm at Caldwell Halls, Torrance. The group is now part of a joint venture: Torrance and Baldernock Heritage and History Group. **Dr Irene O'Brien, Archivist at the Mitchell Library will be speaking on 'Family Histories at The Mitchell'**. We have an ongoing, general cautious approach to Covid risks, so pre-booking is requested, please email loganniall@yahoo.co.uk to book a place. We plan to keep the general protocols of a bit of distancing in place, and have a limit of about 40 attendees. There will be tea, coffee and biscuits from 7 pm. Please bring £2 to cover costs.

April 1st - Italian night at the golf course – come and join neighbours and friends. (details below under Golf Club, and Baldernock Trust)

Baldernock Book Group – please note that the book group hopes to start once more and anybody interested should contact traceybrewster18@icloud.com

Information on the above events and local organisations

Baldernock Community Council – next meeting is on Monday March 14th 2022. We are delighted to be able to meet once more in person in Baldernock Church Hall at 7.30 pm. Please bring your concerns about Baldernock to this meeting. We would hope to give updates on planning, broadband, woodland proposals, roads, and other issues which effect our small community. Over the years it has been noted that there is confusion over house names and addresses in Baldernock – a problem in times of urgent need. see below for further details. Please contact us baldernockcc@mail.com

Unique Property Reference Number (UPRN) Every property in Baldernock has a unique property reference number 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

areas. It is also the case that several properties are wrongly allocated to an incorrect road name. We are trying to identify these in order to rectify. We have also identified a small number of incomplete addresses in the Ordnance Survey data.

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.

Ultrafast Broadband for Baldernock! In a rural community like ours, ultrafast broadband will bring us fantastic advantages. If you are a householder or run your business from home and your address is included in our Community Fibre Partnership (<https://www.baldernock.org.uk/broadband>) please make sure you've pledged your UK government vouchers to the project to help us access the connectivity we can all enjoy. Please pledge at www.openreach.com/connectmycommunity and we'll all be one step closer to achieving ultrafast broadband for our homes and businesses. Ultrafast broadband is within touching distance: 128 homes and 9 businesses in Baldernock and Torrance have already pledged their vouchers, which means we are currently sitting at 74% of our target! Every single pledge helps your community, so please make yours today and encourage your friends and neighbours to do the same.

Saturday 26th and Sunday 27th March – Tree planting -The Trust has been successful in its application to the Woodland Trust for a free tree pack and the tree seedlings are due to be delivered in the next few weeks. We will be planting 105 wee trees (a mix of hazel, hawthorn, crab apple, goat willow and birch) along the side of the track from the Linn up to the trig point, on Saturday 26th and Sunday 27th March. This will be a communal effort, so come and join us, if you can. We'll meet at noon at the top of the Linn Brae on both days and will assign digging and planting and staking duties to whoever turns up to help. Wear wellies and waterproofs and bring a spare spade if you have one. Look forward to seeing you there!

The Baldernock Trust is the new name for Baldernock Community Development Trust. The bi-monthly meeting of the Trust directors took place online on 7th February. A collaboration between The Trust and Baldernock Community Council to bring much better broadband to most parts of Baldernock is at the final hurdle (see

elsewhere in this newsletter for details). Please pledge now!

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 Italian themed dining evening being kindly opened to the community by **Balmore Golf Club on 1st April** (see elsewhere in this newsletter) was suggested by the Trust and we very much hope that local residents will enjoy this opportunity to meet with friends and neighbours in a local restaurant within walking distance of home for many.

In the coming year The Trust hopes to organise events for teenagers and other social and fundraising events to bring the community together, including a '**Baldernock Spring Clean**' (details to follow). Now that Covid restrictions are being relaxed, The Trust is resurrecting an online Community Events Calendar to which local organisations will have access in order to publicise and avoid clashes of local events.


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 is a '**Keep Scotland Beautiful Hub**' with litter pickers and other equipment for you to borrow for litter picking at any time (contact Jane at jp.logan@yahoo.co.uk); it is now the umbrella organisation for the Baldernock **Tartan project**; and it is keen to support any local active travel initiatives. A new project being discussed with other organisations is a community 'newspaper' to be delivered to every address in Baldernock.

If you would like to find out more or volunteer for any of The Trust's activities, or suggest new ones, please email baldernockcdt@gmail.com.

The Trust has a Facebook page that you can use to post news of interest to the community or items to swap or share: <https://www.facebook.com/Baldernock-Community-Development-Trust-147910135888506/>. There is more information about The Trust at <https://www.baldernock.org.uk/bcdt>.

Baldernock Tartan - has proved very popular with only a few scarves remaining from the second bolt of cloth that was woven. We are now considering whether to have a third bolt woven as there is still demand for throws, wraps and scarves. See

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www.baldernock.org.uk/tartan for more information.

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 11am and 1pm](#). This is an open invitation to the entire community should they have something they wish to discuss and feel more comfortable in a face-to-face setting. [This is open to all EDC residents regardless of where they live this location just feels the best.](#)

Baldernock Childcare [We offer nursery places for 2 - 5-year-olds every day during term time \(9am until 2pm\) and funding is available from East Dunbartonshire for eligible 2-year-olds and all 3+ year olds. We also provide Afterschool care Monday - Thursday during term time. For enquiries, please contact us on 0141 9552343 or \[edbaldernock@glow.org.uk\]\(mailto:edbaldernock@glow.org.uk\).](#)

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 – We start with **an Italian evening details** of which are shown below. Additionally from April onwards our caterer will be offering lunch and dinner 7 days a week and local residents are invited to visit to see what Jamie has to offer. You are recommended to book a table at busy times.

ITALIAN EVENING -The first event of the year is an Italian “themed” evening hosted by our resident caterer Jamie McGuinness. This event will be held on Friday 1 April. Pre-booking is essential and booking forms will be available at the bar.

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 S –S4. The coaching is available to juniors of 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 Centre

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Prayers – some local families and individuals are gathering on-line to pray for our community and beyond. If you would like to join this

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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 information.