

Larkfield Community Safety Group

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Hi, welcome to the 11th edition of Larkfield Community Safety Group's newsletter where you will find an update on the work and activities of our group. Our group meets on a bi-monthly basis to discuss community safety and other issues concerning the Larkfield area. Representatives on the group include Strathclyde Police, Elected Members, Larkfield Housing Association, Inverclyde Council, Youth Connections, and Age Concern. As a group we are always keen to hear about any issue residents of Larkfield may have. If you wish to highlight to the group any problems or concerns you have or wish to find out more about the work carried out by the group please contact Larkfield Housing Association on **01475 630930**. I hope you enjoy reading the newsletter! **Liz Bradley Chairperson, Larkfield Community Safety Group**

Fun, Fun, Fun @ the Square

The Larkfield Community Safety Group and its

partners hosted for the 2nd Year a Gala Day for all the residents of the Larkfield Area on SATURDAY 23rd JUNE 2007 from 12.00pm at Burns Square and the surrounding area. There was a Balloon Competition, Music, Bouncy Castle, food, Dance Academy, Face Painting, Cheerleading, Painting your own mug, Raffle, Computer Access, Tearoom & tuck-shop and lots, lots, more. We all agreed that it was a fantastic fun filled community day enjoyed by everyone, children, parents and the young at heart! A great day was had by all. A special thanks go to Elaine Mathieson & Mhairi Daisley from Youth Connections, the Community Wardens, the Community Police and the rest of the sub group that was set up to bring this idea into being and thanks to them we are looking at hosting another next year!!!! Watch this space.

Balloon Competition



Some of you will remember the Balloon Competition that the Management Committee of Larkfield Housing Association ran at the Fun Day. Congratulations to Gemma Gatens from Lincoln Rd pictured here, as 9-year-old Ruth Ferguson found her balloon in her garden in Bridge of Allan. Ruth received a £5 gift Voucher for sending back the information on the balloon and Gemma won a £25 gift voucher to spend in Woolworths.

Off Road Bike Project



The Community Safety Group and our consultants are continuing with

their efforts to identify and secure a suitable site for our off road bike facility for our local young people to use. To date we have identified potential sites and our consultants have opened discussions with landowners regarding the possibility of their land being used for the purpose of providing an off road facility. The group have enlisted the support of our local elected members and our MP in an effort to help us and we hope that we may locate a suitable site in the very near future. Meantime if any young people wish to become involved in an off road bikers project then please contact Mhairi Daisley at Youth Connections on 01475 795727.

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Community Garden Project

Good News!

As we reported in our last edition Larkfield Housing Association on behalf of the Community Safety Group is working with Lower Clyde Green Space to develop a Community Garden in Larkfield. We are now in the process of tendering for this work and it is anticipated that contractors will start on site in October. It is envisaged that the work will take approximately 14 weeks and be completed in January 2007. An outline of the plan for the area is available for viewing at Larkfield Housing Association's office.



We hope that the garden will be a focal point and that the area will be well used by all sections of the community.

Community Policing

Our Community Police have moved from the

Main Police Station at Greenock to the Police Station in Gourock. To get to know your Community police better we have interviewed Sergeant Crawford:



I am 40 years of age and have completed 18 years police service, the last seven years has been as a Sergeant in Inverclyde. In that time I have covered a number of different roles, however in the last three Years. I have been mainly been working within the community police. I presently have the responsibility for Inverclyde West, which includes the Larkfield, Braeside and Branchton areas. I have sixteen Community Officers working with me, four of who are responsible for the Larkfield area. Inverclyde West community officers are all based at Gourock Police Office. If any resident wishes to

contact me or their community officers then they can telephone Gourock Police office on 01475 - 492801.

Sacred Heart Primary Achieve Unicef Award

Well done to Sacred Heart Primary School who recently received a Rights and Responsibilities



Respecting School Award under UNICEF's schools programme. This award promotes the United Nations Conventions on the Rights of the Child as the basis for enhancing teaching, learning, ethos, attitudes and behaviour. This helps children to learn how to formulate, express and listen to opinions, helping to raise their achievement. This is a real achievement for the school and our congratulations go to all the pupils, parents and staff involved. Speaking on the award Elizabeth Bradley, Chair of the Community Safety Group stated: %Well done to Sacred Heart for all their efforts in achieving this award. For a local Larkfield Primary School to be recognised with an award from UNICEF is fantastic. Our thanks go the school for acknowledging the contribution of the many partners of the Community Safety Group in helping the school achieve this award.+

Youth Club at Ravenscraig

A new Youth Club for young people in first to sixth years is being held every Saturday night at Ravenscraig Sports Centre, Auchmead Road between 29th September and 29th December. There will be lots

of activities on offer and young people who attend will be encouraged to put forward their ideas for what they would like to do at the Club. The FUN starts at 7 pm and ends at 9.30 pm and it's FREE!!!

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