

Larkfield Community Safety Group

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Hi, welcome to the 12th 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 and wish to find out more about the work carried out by the group please contact

Larkfield Housing Association on **630930**. I hope you enjoy reading the newsletter!

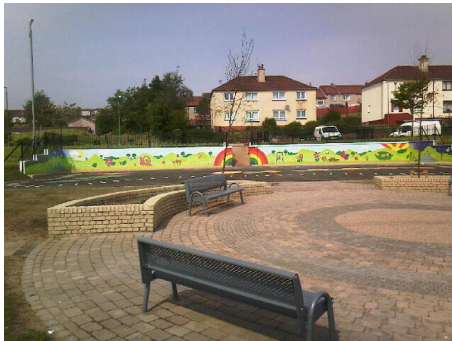
Liz Bradley Chairperson of Larkfield Community Safety Group

Fun for all the Family @ the Square

The Larkfield Community Safety Group and its partners are again hosting for the 3rd Year running a Larkfield Fun Day for all the residents of the Larkfield Area on **SATURDAY 14th JUNE 2008** from 12.00pm at Burns Square and the surrounding area. There will be a Balloon Competition, Music, Bouncy Castles, food, Dance Academy, Face Painting, Cheerleading, Car Boot Sale, Computer Access, Tea-room & tuck-shop and lots, lots, more. It is sure to be a fantastic fun filled community day enjoyed by everyone, children, parents and the young at heart!

Please come along and enjoy this Community event.

Larkfield Community Garden



As you can see the Larkfield Community Garden Project has now been completed. We are very pleased with the results and intend to hold an Open day on **Thursday 12th June 2008 at 1:30pm**.

This project was created in Partnership with Lower Clyde Greenspace and the Larkfield Family Centre. We would like to thank all the school children who took part in creating the fantastic Mural and thank Impact Arts for all their contribution. We hope you can all come to the opening of this project and celebrate another fantastic achievement for the residents of Larkfield. The community garden will remain open throughout the year for everyone in Larkfield to enjoy.

Talent Show

The Larkfield family Centre held a fundraising talent show in aid of the Gary Leith Fund in November 2007. The event was well attended by residents of Larkfield and lots of children took part in showcasing their talents. Some of the acts that took part were Wilson's Dancers, Sacred Heart Choir and an X-Factor contest took place. The night raised approximately £600 for Gary's Fund and an enjoyable night was had by all. All the acts that took part received a gift for their participation.

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Warden Profile



Liam Campbell has been a Community Warden for 3 and half years, most of this time has been spent patrolling the streets of Larkfield with short stints in Port Glasgow and the central area. He became interested in community involvement in his native Dunoon before moving to Inverclyde. This led him to apply to become a Community Warden and he enjoys the job so much he never wants to leave! He lives with his partner and 2 kids and enjoys playing rugby and writing poetry. We asked him some important questions:

QUESTION	ANSWER
Nights in or Nights out	Nights out
Pop or Rock	Pop
Movies or Books	Movies
Chinese food or Indian food	Chinese
Texting or Phoning	Texting
Holidays at home or holidays abroad	Holidays abroad

Anti-Social Behaviour

Antisocial behaviour continues to decrease across Inverclyde. The Community Wardens are playing a large part in contributing to this reduction. In recognition of their contribution the size of the team has recently increased from 32 Wardens to 40 Wardens. The eight new posts carry powers to issue fixed penalties to those who drop litter, fly tip rubbish, graffiti in public places and for dog fouling offences. The Community Wardens work closely other community safety partners who include Strathclyde Police and the Fire Service in making our community safer. Four of the new wardens are part of a new %enforcement Unit+working alongside a Police Sergeant and 5 Police Constables. This Unit is responsible for issuing fixed penalty notices to perpetrators of Anti-Social Behaviour. **For advice and assistance with antisocial behaviour call 0800 01 317 01 For Community Wardens call 01475 – 714242.**

Anti-Vandalism Strategy



Strathclyde Police has developed a new strategy to tackle vandalism in the Inverclyde Area. The new robust strategy's aim is to increase public awareness of vandalism and increase detection and reduce the public's fear of crime. A large number of people living in the Inverclyde area are affected by vandalism in some way or other whether its direct or friends or family. Vandalism has a negative impact on the quality of life for individuals and indeed the affect of vandalism can be seen on a daily basis in the local community. Strathclyde Police will be working together with its partner agencies to reduce vandalism within the Inverclyde region. If you would like more information on this strategy please contact Greenock Police Station on 01475 492500.

Community Police



Our Community Police officers pictured on the left are Mark Noone and Colin Hambleton and between them they have 28 years of Police Service. They are responsible for Larkfield, Braeside and Branchton areas. Both Officers know the area and the policing issues that Larkfield faces. They are based at the Gourock Police Office and work closely with Larkfield HA staff and the community wardens. Collectively their aim is to be both approachable and dedicated to assist the residents of

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Larkfield with any problematic issues they may face. They can be contacted on 01475 492500.

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