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# BCIC Newsletter

BARHILL COMMUNITY INTEREST COMPANY

## Welcome to Spring

warm welcome to the Spring Edition of the BCIC Newsletter—much has been achieved in Barrhill over the past twelve months, but we're sure you'll agree there's so much more we can do to make our village a better place to live! The new Learner Driver grant was introduced and Barrhill Playgroup received much needed funding for new play equipment! The BCIC supported the Barrhill Flower Show and the free community minibus hire was made available once again! In 2016, the BCIC invested a total of £9,43900 in Grants and Bursaries and £19,350 was spent on Winter Fuel Payments!



New Staging used for first performance of Jack & the Flight of the Beanstalk

At the close of the year the very first Barrhill Fireworks Display was successfully held in Rinsheen Park and brand new staging was purchased for Barrhill Primary School! The picture shown here is of the very first performance of Jack and the Flight of the Beanstalk using the new staging! If there is any organization or individual who would like to use the staging for any future village event, please get in contact with the BCIC!

With the latest Barrhill Community Action Plan now published, we hope that every resident will take the time to read it and come up with plenty of ideas, suggestions and comments on how the community can make the most of its funding in 2017. This is YOUR community and YOUR future—please help the BCIC Directors make the decisions you want to see happen!

## News from the BCIC Board

We were all very sorry when BCIC Director Philip Porter resigned from the Board in November 2016, due to relocation! His work on behalf of the community made a lasting impact in the form of Rinsheen Park, and his contribution to its creation has changed the village for the better in so many ways! We wish to formally thank Philip for his dedication, enthusiasm and fairness—congratulations on a job well done!

So, 2017 brings a new face to the BCIC Board, rounding out this group of incredible individuals to a total of eight! Please join us in welcoming Fionnadh Ratchford to the BCIC Board! Each Director has a passion for helping to shape the future of your village but can only do so with your help! Remember - it is for the residents of Barrhill to decide how the community benefits are invested to realise the greatest benefit, and that these funds will only be available for the life of the windfarm developments in the immediate area!

## Garden Maintenance—tenders welcome



The directors of the BCIC invite tenders from interested parties for either or both of the following pieces of work:

- To offer gardening services to eligible Barrhill residents (grass cutting/hedge trimming) once every two weeks, from April to the end of September! Current contract includes 9 gardens and 3 hedges!
- Garden maintenance of the Community Car Park borders and walkways!

So, if you run a gardening or ground maintenance business please get in touch with any BCIC Director for full details!

## Want to start a project?

The BCIC Small Grant Fund gives groups or individuals a chance to apply for a grant to help fund projects that aim to improve our village and the lives of its residents. We will support a range of educational, environmental and general community amenity projects and you can apply if you are a not for profit/voluntary or community group/organisation.

The fund is open to all, so if you want to set up a group or start an activity here in the village— then please get in touch.

## Need help with your garden?



Are you a resident of Barrhill? Over the age of 70? Do you have a health issue that makes cutting your own grass difficult?

Then now is the time to get in touch with the BCIC. We can arrange a grass cutting service between the months of April and October (this service is not available to people who live in council houses as they will be able to get the council to cut their grass).

The only stipulation is that the grass is of lawn standard to begin with. Get in touch with any BCIC Director for full details.

## Learning to Drive in 2017?

Are you learning to drive this year? If so, then let the BCIC help you take to the road and help make your journey towards independence a little easier.

A one-off payment of £15000 is available to all Barrhill residents who book their driving test in 2017.

Documentary proof of driving test booking will be required so please contact any BCIC Director for more details. *Terms & Conditions apply\**



## Ayrshire Rivers Trust—come and plant a tree

The BCIC are pleased to be supporting the Ayrshire Rivers Trust's Carrick Education Project, delivered to pupils at the Barrhill Primary School together with a further 9 primary schools within the Carrick area.

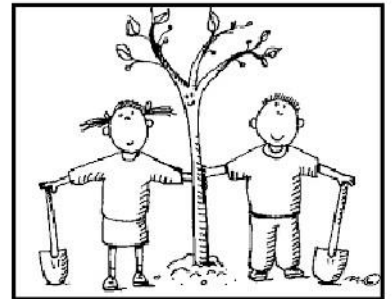
The first phase of the project focuses on introducing primary school pupils to their local stretch of river and the opportunity to learn about the fish in their river, the invertebrates that the fish feed on and why riparian trees are important for aquatic ecosystem functioning.



Barrhill Pupils enjoy the river

The second phase allows pupils to plant their own tree and watch it grow over the coming years - and this is where the BCIC AND YOU become involved! Join us on Thursday 23rd February 2017 at Arnshean Park at 900am to join in the tree planting.

The BCIC are facilitating the establishment of woodland on the banks of the Duisk River running through Arnshean Park, with a total of 132 trees to be planted over the course of the project, therefore safeguarding the environment for generations to come.



**JOIN US ON  
THURSDAY 23RD  
FEBRUARY AT 9am  
FOR TREE  
PLANTING AT  
ARNSHEEN PARK**

## Barrhill Pupils attend Dolphin House

Following a small grant application to the BCIC, 4 lucky pupils from Barrhill Primary School enjoyed a stay at Dolphin House located in the grounds of Culzean Country Park.

Dolphin House is an outdoor education centre delivering an outdoor learning programme for upper primary pupils in South Ayrshire. Its 4-day residential course aims to develop adventure and independence through challenge and discovery, fostering responsibility and co-operation, tolerance and respect for the natural environment. All this achieved through such activities as team challenges, woodland adventures, water-based sports and hill climbing.



*Well done children—Barrhill is proud of you!*

### COMMUNITY NOTICE

Please note the new contact details for Memorial Hall bookings and enquiries:

Facebook: Barrhill Memorial Hall  
Mobile - 07767 689716  
Email - [barrhillhall@gmail.com](mailto:barrhillhall@gmail.com)



**E** *Easter Service*  
**Barrhill Memorial Hall**  
*Sunday 16th April*  
*at 3pm*

BARRHILL MEMORIAL HALL COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION PRESENTS

**CRAFT FAIR**  
 PLUS  
**CAR BOOT SALE**  
**BARRHILL MEMORIAL HALL**  
**SATURDAY 1st APRIL 2017**  
**11-3pm**  
**COME ALONG AND HAVE SOME EASTER FUN!!**

*Easter Bonnet Parade, Egg Rolling,  
 Best Decorated Egg & Easter Games*

**REFRESHMENTS AVAILABLE**  
*Tea & Scone £2 Soup & Roll £2  
 Meal Deal (Soup, Roll, Tea & Scone) £3.50*

Contact [barrhill.hall@gmail.com](mailto:barrhill.hall@gmail.com) or 07767689716  
 to book Car Boot £10 or Table in Hall £10

 Find us on Facebook

**Barrhill Bowling Club**  
**AGM**

**11th March 2017 at 2pm**  
**Barrhill Memorial Hall**  
 All members of the community  
 are welcome to attend  
 New members, even if you've never  
 played before are very welcome



**BARRHILL HALL SWEEP** £1 per month per number

*Best of Luck!*

£100 paid out every month  
 £50 goes to Village Hall every month

To join contact Euan or Helen on  
 01465 821266 or  
 07900 004516

NEW MEMBERS WELCOME

**Barrhill Memorial Hall Committee Association**

**AGM**

Wednesday 22nd March 2017  
 at 7.30pm

New Members Welcome



**Barrhill Badminton Club**

**Tuesday evenings**  
**6pm - 8pm**  
**Barrhill Memorial Hall**  
**Equipment supplied**  
**Come along and enjoy the fun**  
**All abilities from complete beginner Welcome!!**

**BARRHILL WEE WHIST CLUB**

Barrhill Wee Whist Club starts on  
 Tuesday 14th March and is every two weeks until May  
 Starts 7.30 in Barrhill Memorial Hall  
 A friendly welcome awaits and everyone welcome  
 Tuition available if required  
 For more information contact Irene Mc Crae on  
 07340315996

**CLUB DIAMONDS**  
**BARRHILL KEEP FIT**

games laughter healthy "Come out and join in" dance  
**FUN** exercise happy  
 social WELLBEING enjoy **ENERGY**

DATE: MONDAYS  
 TIME: 7.00PM TO 8.00PM  
 VENUE: BARRHILL MEMORIAL HALL  
 ADMISSION: £3.00 PER PERSON (CLASS FEE)  
**ALL ABILITIES WELCOME**



## Want to learn a new skill?

Now's the time to learn a new skill - and to help you along you may be eligible to receive a BCIC Bursary of up to £500\* *Terms and conditions apply*.\*

Whether you're off to university, studying at home or thinking about taking an evening class please do get in touch and receive generous financial support

For full details and application form contact any BCIC Director or email us on the address below for the forms to be sent to you

[bcicbarrhill@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:bcicbarrhill@yahoo.co.uk)

Read on to hear all about local resident, Nicole Allan who successfully applied for a BCIC Apprenticeship Bursary. Nicole is now undertaking an apprenticeship at the world-famous Gleneagles Hotel, undertaking as a trainee chef

*Well done Nicole!*

*My successful application for a BCIC Apprenticeship Grant helped me massively. I was able to pay for accommodation, purchase the books I needed for my course and buy my first set of knives that I use every day at work and are great to have. The BCIC Apprenticeship Grant helped me get the chance to stay away from home and get a real taste of what my profession is all about and get to do the job I love doing— I couldn't have done it without it.*

*Nicole Allan.*



Nicole Allan—trainee Chef  
Gleneagles Hotel



## Get out & get active this Spring

Calling all residents—young and old alike! Get out and active this spring by joining your fellow village residents at the Arnsheen Park Community Gardening Club

Improve your health and wellbeing and form new friendships—many people talk of never seeing their neighbours, not feeling part of the community and having no say in what happens. Getting involved in the community garden will enable people to connect in a meaningful way - come and be a part of it



Held on the last Friday of the month

1.30pm to 3.00pm  
Meet at the Gazebo in Arnsheen Park

All welcome  
See you there

Arnsheen Park  
Community Gardening Club

## We'd like to hear from you

The BCIC was set up and is run entirely for your benefit as a resident of Barrhill. The objective of the BCIC is to ascertain, co-ordinate and express, the views of the community and to take action, in the interests of the community, as appears to be expedient and reasonably practicable, and based on the consensus of opinion.

Get in touch by contacting any of the BCIC Directors listed, or by email at [bcicbarrhill@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:bcicbarrhill@yahoo.co.uk)

## Barrhill Community Interest Company

Chairman—*Simon Redman*

Vice Chairman—*Gavin Hughes*

Secretary /Memberships—*Angela Blackstock*

Treasurer—*Mark Bradshaw*

Directors - *David Russell, Johnnie Thomson, Sarah Malone, Euan Allan, Fionnadh Ratchford*