

# Blackhall Community Trust Newsletter Autumn 2019

Welcome to the latest Blackhall Community Trust Newsletter.

Our next public meeting is on **Tuesday 1 October** at 7.30pm in Blackhall Primary small hall - **please note the change of venue!**

Blackhall Community Trust's area is the Blackhall Primary School catchment.



**We're pleased that the necessary legal steps are being taken to transfer the ownership of Ravelston Park Pavilion from the City of Edinburgh Council to Blackhall Community Trust, on behalf of Blackhall residents.** Visit [www.blackhallcommunitytrust.org.uk](http://www.blackhallcommunitytrust.org.uk) for more. Please express your support via the City of Edinburgh Council consultation which is open until 11 October here <http://bit.ly/blackhallCEC>

## Save the date! Christmas event in Blackhall Village on Thursday

**5 December:** Join us in 'the dip' for the switching-on of the Christmas tree lights, carol singing, festivities, stalls and more! Email [blackhallcommunitytrust@gmail.com](mailto:blackhallcommunitytrust@gmail.com) if you'd like to help or would like a stall. Look out for posters too.

**PLEASE NOTE:** We are considering reducing newsletter deliveries to an annual update once a year, in the interests of saving paper and shoe leather! **PLEASE SIGN UP FOR OUR eNEWSLETTER** (tear off slip overleaf or email us on [blackhallcommunitytrust@gmail.com](mailto:blackhallcommunitytrust@gmail.com)) to be sure to receive our updates and latest news or join us (free) as a Member (see overleaf). Also see our updates in the Blackhall Bulletin.

## At our public meeting on 1 October



- we'll report on progress with the community asset transfer of Ravelston Park Pavilion. We were delighted to receive a grant from the Scottish Land Fund of over £30,000 for the purchase costs, some legal fees and some secure storage for Blackhall Nursery;
- we'll be discussing ideas for using the building and some possible short-term modifications. Let us know if you are interested in using the small meeting space – we've already had some enquiries!

## Blackhall Community Trust Update

- Our first ever **Blackhall Ball** on **Saturday 28 September** is a sell-out! Thanks to all for supporting this event. Raffle prize donations still welcome! Many thanks to the Holiday Inn too.
- Our **quiz night** is on **Thursday 28 November** at the Holiday Inn, 7.30pm for 8pm. Email [blackhallcommunitytrust@gmail.com](mailto:blackhallcommunitytrust@gmail.com) for your ticket (£10 including a welcome drink).
- Look out for our petition to register our interest in some privately-owned local land under Community Right to Buy legislation – we'll be collecting signatures at local events!

Interested in donating to support Blackhall Community Trust? Please make cheques payable to Blackhall Community Trust, delivered to BCT, Ravelston Park Pavilion, Craigcrook Road, EH4 3RU or raise funds for us by shopping online via [www.easyfundraising.org.uk](http://www.easyfundraising.org.uk) - register, choose Blackhall Community Trust as your cause, go to [www.easyfundraising.org.uk](http://www.easyfundraising.org.uk) and shop at no extra cost to you!

## How can you help?

- Become a member of Blackhall Community Trust – complete the application form overleaf
- Join our email/ mailing list - complete the tear off slip overleaf
- Follow us on  Facebook @blackhallct or  Twitter @BlackhallCT
- Email your ideas for local activities to [blackhallcommunitytrust@gmail.com](mailto:blackhallcommunitytrust@gmail.com)
- Visit our website for our latest news [www.blackhallcommunitytrust.org.uk](http://www.blackhallcommunitytrust.org.uk)
- Come along to our events – we'd love to see you
- **Share your skills: join our Board - please get in touch! We'll be working on our fundraising strategy and seeking a grant to pay for a fundraiser – let us know if you have expertise in this area.**

## What's On

Everyone from the community is very welcome to join our regular clubs and social events as listed below.

- The BCT Book club meets in Ravelston Park Pavilion regularly.
- The BCT walking group meets for monthly walks in the morning of the first Thursday of every month. Walks last two to three hours.
- Our coffee mornings at Cloudberry (Blackhall dip) for those who are new to the area or who would like to feel more connected to the community are on Thursdays every two weeks 10-11.30am. Future dates are: 26 Sept, 10 & 24 Oct, 14 & 28 Nov, 12 Dec.

For more information, or to suggest a new group or social event, email [blackhallcommunitytrust@gmail.com](mailto:blackhallcommunitytrust@gmail.com).