

Blackhall Community Trust Newsletter May/June 2017

Dates for your diary

- **Public meeting and summer social:** Tuesday 6 June 7.30pm in St Columba's Small Hall. All welcome! Light refreshments available.
- **Blackhall Children's Sports Day:** Saturday 3 June, from 12.30pm onwards. This event is a wonderful community event for all ages. There are a wide range of community-run stalls as well as a refreshments tent (with home-baking). Blackhall Community Trust will have a stall – please come and find us!

Blackhall Community Trust – Update!

Blackhall Community Trust is now a Scottish charity and a company limited by guarantee. We hold three public meetings a year, have a growing membership and have a thriving mail and email list of residents (see below for details on how to become a member and/or join our mailing list). We have now applied to join the Development Trusts Association Scotland which will give us (and residents) access to opportunities such as cheaper energy deals.

February Public Meeting

Our well-attended public meeting in February had a focus on meeting the needs of older people in our community. Residents requested the following:

- A book club (those run at Blackhall Library are over-subscribed)
- A walking group
- A coffee morning for those who might feel isolated or are new to the area.

Please email or write to us if you are interested in joining any of the above activities. We also need volunteers to help run these. We have had some expressions of interest in the book club and the walking group – we need more!

Coffee Morning

We held our first coffee morning at Cloudberry Blackhall - it was a very enjoyable, informal event. Our **next coffee morning is on Wednesday 31 May 10-11.30am** at Cloudberry. If you would like to come along, please get in touch (contact details below) and let us know as spaces are limited.

Volunteers

We are seeking more Board members who can help us to deliver activities, services and facilities for our community. If you are interested in running our pop up community café, or in organising the Book Club, Coffee Morning or Walking Group, or if you can share professional skills, we would really like to hear from you.

Community Priorities

We are continuing to work on solutions to our identified community needs - a community hub, more places at Blackhall Nursery and recreational facilities. We have submitted a Stage 1 Community Asset Transfer application to the City of Edinburgh Council to request consideration of the transfer of ownership of Ravelston Park Pavilion to Blackhall Community Trust on behalf of Blackhall community.

If you would like to become a of Blackhall Community Trust (at no cost, with a liability of only £1 and with voting rights), or join our Board or join our email database, please contact us using the details overleaf.

Useful Information for Blackhall Residents

Blackhall Community Trust: Please show your support by becoming a company member or by joining our email list – or follow us on Facebook or Twitter.

Email: blackhallcommunitytrust@gmail.com

Website/Blog: www.blackhallcommunitytrust.wordpress.com

Post: c/o Blackhall Nursery, Ravelston Park Pavilion, Craigcrook Rd, Edinburgh EH4 3RU
Phone: 07799 416 360

Social Media:  www.facebook.com/blackhallcdt and  @BlackhallCT

Blackhall Nursery: To apply for a free early years place for your child, please download and complete our application form at www.blackhallnursery.co.uk. Blackhall Nursery offers the statutory 600 hours of free early learning and childcare to 3-5 year olds.

Late night buses to Blackhall from the city centre: Stagecoach buses x55, x58 and x60 operate late night weekend services from the West End to Barnton. They all stop on request at the Esso garage at Craigleith and the stop outside Blackhall Medical Centre.

New 200 Skylink Bus: This new airport - Ocean Terminal service goes along Telford Rd, passing through Blackhall at the top end of Strachan Rd but also accessible via Forthview, the north end of Craigcrook Rd etc.

Blackhall St Columba's Church and Halls: Visit www.blackhallstcolumba.org.uk to find out about services and an extensive range of activities and groups.

Active Blackhall: Find out about physical/sports activities in our area at www.activeblackhall.com. If you are involved in a sports club or activity, however informal, Active Blackhall is happy to post details on its website. Email contact@activeblackhall.com

Support for Dementia Sufferers and their Carers: Lifecare in Stockbridge offers a wide range of support services for dementia sufferers and their families. Phone 0131 343 0940 for information or visit www.lifecare-edinburgh.org.uk

Craigleith and Blackhall Community Council (CBCC): Visit www.craigleithblackhall.org to find out about CBCC's meetings or email sec.cbcc@gmail.com to contact CBCC.

Drylaw Neighbourhood Centre Contact Details: info@drylawnc.org.uk 0131 315 4989
Drylaw Neighbourhood Centre runs a range of activities including adult computer classes, activities for under 5s and for senior citizens. It can be booked for children's parties, meetings, exercise classes etc. It is located on Groathill Rd North and has parking facilities.

Blackhall Community Trust Board members are: Tina Woolnough (Chair), Fergus Henderson (Treasurer), Fiona Gilbert (Company/Membership Secretary), Katie Gilbert (Communications), Peter Allan (Planning), Ian Ashcroft (General).