



Blackhall Community Trust - Winter 2017 Update

As you will know, 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 a thriving mailing list of residents (see below for details on how to join/support us). We are members of the Development Trusts Association Scotland.

Dates for your Diary:

We will be running a stall at the Christmas Tree Lights switching on event in the Blackhall Dip on **Thurs 7 December**, 6.30 – 8.30 pm. Please come and find us in Bruce Collie's yard where we will be selling gift tags, felt tree decorations and pots of daffodils!

Our **next public meeting** (our AGM) is on *Tuesday March 6* at 7.30pm in St Columba's Small Hall. Refreshments (including home-baking) will be served.

Community Priorities: A Community Hub, more places at Blackhall Nursery and recreational opportunities and facilities for all ages

These are exciting times – we have been approved for our City of Edinburgh Council Stage 1 Community Asset Transfer application to transfer ownership of Ravelston Park Pavilion to Blackhall Community Trust on behalf of the Blackhall community. We now move on to Stage 2.

Meanwhile, we have applied for grant funding from the Scottish Land Fund for over £15,000 to support this asset transfer process. If successful, we can commission a business plan, feasibility studies, building surveys and initial designs for Ravelston Park Pavilion to ensure that it is fit for purpose for Blackhall Nursery and as a community hub.



We now run the following groups and activities, in response to requests from local residents:

- A monthly book club which meets at Blackhall Nursery, Ravelston Park Pavilion – two sessions have been held so far
- A monthly walking group – two walks have taken place, one on Corstorphine Hill and one along the Water of Leith
- A monthly coffee morning for those who are recently retired, are new to the area or feel a bit isolated and would like to connect to the community (six held so far in Cloudberry, Blackhall).
- A pop up café to tie in with the Blackhall School Parent Staff Association's gardening days.

Please email or write to us if you are interested in joining any of the above activities. We are very happy to look into organising other events or activities – just let us know what you would like.

To become a member of Blackhall Community Trust (at no cost, with voting rights and a liability of only £1), to join our Board of directors or to join our email database, please contact us by email: **blackhallcommunitytrust@gmail.com**

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