

## **THIRD SECTOR UPDATE**

### **16<sup>th</sup> Argyll (Campbeltown) Scout Group**

The local Scout Group were busy in the run up to the Christmas holidays with the Cubs helping the Rotary Club with the Christmas Post and taking part in the Christmas Light Switch On parade. Both the Cubs and Beavers enjoyed their Christmas parties.

2016 is the Centenary Year for Cub Scouts and we hope to give the Cubs a chance to experience new things and new adventures. We'll be holding a special centenary camp and are looking at possible venues. We're considering staying in Lochgilphead for a weekend and taking the Cubs to Argyll Adventure for the day. Alternatively we could stay at the Scout Centre in Lochgoilhead and take part in the adventurous activities on offer there.

Both the Beavers and the Cubs will be working towards activity badges this term including Disability Awareness, Scientist and Navigator badges.

The Group is set to grow with the introduction of a Scout Troop at the beginning of February. Scouts are girls and boys aged 10-14 years and our oldest Cubs will form the foundation for the new Troop. We are now looking for new accommodation to enable all three sections to meet on the same night.

Our Group numbers are good with 22 Cubs and 18 Beavers at time of writing though this is due to increase in the coming weeks. To begin with we estimate the Scout Troop will have around 12 members and we aim to build on that over the coming year.

At the moment we have 4 Leaders with the Beaver Colony, 7 Leaders for the Cub Pack and 3 Leaders for the Scout Troop although two of these are only going to be able to attend as and when shift patterns allow. We hope to recruit one more leader for the Troop. Anyone who is interested in becoming a Leader can contact us via email: [16thargyll@gmail.com](mailto:16thargyll@gmail.com)

Lindsay Kenny  
Group Scout Leader.

### **Macmillan Cancer Information and Support Service**

Volunteer numbers are low at the moment and we are actively trying to recruit. Currently, we are down to six regular volunteers so we are running the service just in the afternoons, with Chris or Deirdre trying to be available if people ask in the mornings. Also running on Thursday afternoons is the Cancer Support Scotland's complementary therapies service (by appointment) utilising our old office space.

The drop-in service has been quieter over the winter, but a few people came in on the first day back after the Christmas shutdown of the libraries. Hopefully, with the public discussion about cancer in the news, and better weather, more people will be coming in over the next few months.

### **Saltire**

143 young people are registered on Saltire across Argyll and Bute. They have done a very impressive total of 6,720 hours of volunteering. ATSI staff hold monthly drop-in clinics at Campbeltown Grammar School to answer any queries and recruit new registrations. Arrangements are under way to do the same at Lochgilphead Campus.

### **Homestart MAJIK**

Homestart is now settled in its new office in Kirn which was opened by Mike Russell MSP and Councillor Bruce Marshall. Opening hours are generally 9am – 4pm, Monday to Friday.

### **Kintyre Crime Prevention Panel (KCPP)**

The KCPP intend to follow up on the issue of the school safety road signage at the next MAKI CPG as the issue was referred to Pippa Milne, Director of Development and Infrastructure and we would hope to have some feedback from the Council at this meeting.

We have asked the Council how much it would cost to upgrade the CCTV cameras to digital in Campbeltown and they have quoted between £35,000 and £40,000. Both the Council and Police have confirmed that at present they are unable to fund an upgrade. KCPP are considering the options.

The Police have asked the KCPP to consider funding the upkeep of domestic violence alarms in Kintyre and we are awaiting feedback from them on the costs.

The Police are completing a drug and alcohol misuse project at the Campbeltown Grammar School in March and have asked members if they wish to be involved. We are awaiting further details.

The KCPP issued 1,500 beer mats to licensed premises throughout Kintyre from Tarbert to Southend over the Festive Season. This was to advise against drink driving and domestic abuse. These were kindly sponsored by the MAKI Community Safety Forum and local taxi firms. It was a great success.

The KCPP issued 200 keyring torches to vulnerable adults and as it was so successful further funding has been applied to extend the exercise.

Younger members of the KCPP are helping to devise a Facebook page.

The KCPP will suggest that as many voluntary agencies as possible attend the next MAKI CPG in Campbeltown, in person, as after some discussion members felt that the restructuring and arrangements were ill-conceived and we want to see if the CPG can cope with public members present and all asking questions.

### **South Kintyre Development Trust**

2015 saw SKDT commence refurbishment of Campbeltown Town Hall. We hope to relocate our offices to the building very soon. We were awarded £10,000 from the Scottish Government to develop a vision and action plan for the community-led regeneration of Campbeltown town centre.

We developed a partnership with Kintyre Recycling and Kintyre Way to explore opportunities for investing in renewable energy in order to create sustainable incomes for our organisations. Other partnership working included joining forces with Campbeltown Community Orchard and Garden, Kintyre Community Education Centre and Kintyre Youth Enquiry Service and Argyll College UHI to create a Town Centre Group. A temporary Town Centre handyman was employed to undertake general maintenance duties.

We were awarded £2,500 Stalled Spaces Funding from Argyll and Bute Council to work with our partner organisations to decorate the gateway into the town using plants and landscaping along a marine and fishery theme.

We organised a Spring Clean with the help of volunteers to hold a litter pick event under the banner of the nationwide Clean Up Scotland campaign, collecting 17 black bin bags of rubbish.

We facilitated a Training Programme for young volunteers to assist with the Campbeltown Picture House at the Victoria Hall Weekend event and hosted a Volunteer Celebration Day to celebrate the valuable work volunteers do in the area.

We co-ordinated Doors Open Day, Scotland's largest free annual architectural event in 2015 covering the area from Inveraray to Campbeltown bringing over 400 visitors to the venues.

We designed a Recipe Book for Shopper Aide to raise funds and had a massive success with our 50/50 fundraising lottery.

We ran a photography competition and published the winning entries in a 2016 Calendar to market Kintyre to the wider world.

Other activities we have been involved in include the Campbeltown/Ardrossan Ferry Campaign, Road to Drumlemin Community Heritage Project and Beinn Ghuliean Community Woodland.

## **South Kintyre Seniors` Forum**

SKSF have recently run Happy Bus trips as far as Fort William and Yorkshire with increasing numbers participating. Over 140 different people have enjoyed linking with rural groups throughout Argyll, including Grey Matters Helensburgh, Campbeltown Old Pals` Group and U3A. Members hope to sail on the Waverley this year and a group of members will be attending Age Scotland Conference in Perth on 16<sup>th</sup> March.

## **Argyll and Bute Addiction Team**

Lochgilphead drop-in group runs well with some Campbeltown members attending, though numbers are falling. Linda Syed of Argyll TSI has been very supportive and has encouraged service users to volunteer for TSI – volunteering being an important step towards employment.

## **KADAS**

Steve Byrne reported KADAS is struggling with funding issues and individuals are not getting the support they had previously.

## **DMTRA**

January meeting of Dalintober and Millknowe Tenants and Residents` Association was postponed. Steve continues to attend regional Network meetings. There appears to be sub-standard communication between Occupational Health and ACHA with regards to hospital discharges.

## **Inspiralba**

Service choices have caused a lot of concern and worry, especially for Kintyre Recycling, who are under threat, despite proposals for an alternative costing more. KRL are now cautiously optimistic for the future, but the threat has highlighted the need for better than year-to-year contracts.

Vital Spark has 5 new social enterprises in Campbeltown in the first phase of the project, with the second phase beginning in February. Looking forward to moving to Town hall and using the space there. Dunoon and Rothesay already have shop front premises.

Just Enterprise continues to support business and business plans.

Zero Waste Heroes` shop opening in November attracted over 100 people. The shop is a hub for a range of activities including drama workshops and youth theatre, as well as raising the profile of recycling and highlighting issues. When KRL has factory space, they will undertake furniture upcycling and have themes, which could include opportunities to recycle school uniforms and those of organisations such as Boys` Brigade .

### **Kintyre Forum on Community Care**

EGM to be held on 24<sup>th</sup> February 2016.

### **Kintyre Locality Planning Group**

Attendance is low at these meetings. Many issues are unanswered as no housing representatives attend.

### **Shopper Aide**

Shopper Aide continues to provide an invaluable service, shopping for around 60 clients per week and extra helps for 25 -30 people per week. They are still providing Hospital from Home service, though the number of free weeks has had to be reduced due to reduction in funding. Shopper Aide is planning celebrations for its 5<sup>th</sup> birthday in April.

### **Elderberries**

Elderberries` popular twice-weekly sessions continue to be well-attended. A very successful Burns event was held to celebrate the Bard.

### **Supporting Homelessness in Kintyre**

Homeless Project works closely with the Community Shop and Kintyre Food Bank. 32 starter packs were provided in 2015, fewer than in the previous year.

### **Kintyre Food Bank**

New premises are being considered by the committee. A fashion show is to be held in April to raise funds.

### **Citizens` Advice Bureau**

CAB is extremely concerned that Argyll and Bute council cuts would lead to its services ending, which would have a hugely adverse effect on the fragile local economy as well as clients facing financial problems. The introduction of Universal Credit is likely to see an increase in the number of people seeking advice.

