



WINTER 2017

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# BCIC Newsletter

BARHILL COMMUNITY INTEREST COMPANY



## Ready for the challenge?

A warm welcome to the winter 2017 edition of the BCIC Newsletter—as always, we are working hard to make our community one of the best in South Ayrshire. There's no doubt, 2017 has challenged us all—with ever increasing demands made on our time and money, it's taken a lot for everyone to keep their heads above water. That's why it's important we make sure we create the maximum benefit for Barrhill from a financial perspective. We need the entire community to spread awareness of the opportunities the BCIC provides for everyone. From education to grants (both large and small) business support to winter fuel payments. Please take an active lead in realising the potential of BCIC opportunities available to you. We have a unique, vibrant and capable community and we are convinced we can meet any challenge thrown at us in the next twelve months and beyond.

*BCIC Board*



DEVOTE YOURSELF  
TO THE COMMUNITY AROUND YOU  
& DEVOTE YOURSELF  
TO CREATING  
SOMETHING  
THAT GIVES YOU  
purpose & meaning.  
— MITCH ALBOM —

## Winter Fuel Payment 2017

By the time you're reading this newsletter every home should have received a Winter Fuel Payment Application Form via Royal Mail. This benefit is for everyone whose main and permanent residence is in Barrhill. This year the BCIC made the decision to streamline the process, and only individuals moving into the village within the last 12 months and making their first Winter Fuel Payment application will have to submit their Council Tax bill for verification.

We are delighted to confirm that once again the Winter Fuel Payment is being made in the sum of £150.00 and hope you agree this benefit is well worth having.

**Deadline for submission - FRIDAY 24TH NOVEMBER 2017**

Coming together  
is a beginning;  
keeping together  
is progress;  
working together  
is success.

Henry Ford



# BCIC News



Pupils delighted to receive gift of a Kindle Fire tablet



## Race Night success

BARRHILL PRIMARY School and Early Years Centre recently held a Race Night to raise money for school funds. The BCIC was more than happy to offer generous sponsorship, with funding used to buy a Kindle Fire HD and Case. A very kind gesture was made by the Race Night winner who gifted the Kindle and case to the school. Because of this wonderful act of generosity the pupils are now looking forward to using it to increase their digital literacy skills—a must for life in the 21st century.

*From the Pupils who will benefit—thank you.*

## Enhanced Driving Test Grant



AFTER DISCUSSION at the last Board Meeting, the BCIC Directors decided to extend the scope of the Driving Test Grant to include any type of driving test i.e. car, trailer, HGV or motorbike. This grant is available to permanent residents of Barrhill who have lived in the village for a period of 12 months or more. With a sum of £150.00 available, the BCIC welcomes enquiries from anyone sitting any type of driving test.

We're here to help you on your road to success, so do get in touch.



Barrhill Craft Group visit the SEC Glasgow

## Inspiration at the SEC

MEMBERS OF THE NEWLY FORMED Barrhill Craft Group visited the *Stitching, Sewing and Hobbycrafts Show* at the SEC Glasgow on Sunday 29th October—all thanks to free minibus hire available via the BCIC. The show included craft workshops, cake & sugarcraft design, textile & sewing, glass blowing, handmade goods and Christmas decorations. After attending this unique event everyone was keen to get the new club up and running in the village.

If you'd like more details on how you can get involved and join the Barrhill Craft Group then please visit their Facebook page and drop them a message. A full range of activities are being planned for 2018 and your ideas would be welcome. Have you a craft you'd like to share or have you always wanted to learn a particular skill? Now's the time to join in the fun!



## War Memorial Service of Remembrance

TO ENSURE the War Memorial was tended and ready for the Important Remembrance Service on Sunday 12th November at 3pm, the BCIC tasked David Clark, Garden Contractor to trim back the hazel saplings. We hope the community

agrees that this is a vast improvement and makes a great difference.

If anyone sees anything in the village that could do with maintaining or enhancing, then do get in touch with the BCIC with your ideas.





## Sparkling Evening had by all

THE BCIC WAS PROUD to host its second Fireworks Event at Arnshean Park on Saturday 4th November. With a dazzling display courtesy of PyroEFX, a good crowd turned out and the weather was (moderately) kind. The evening kicked off with the Guy Fawkes Competition, followed by free hot soup and nibbles. All in all, our village celebrations went without a hitch.

The BCIC look forward to organising another Fireworks spectacular in November 2018. Ideas most welcome! Our grateful thanks to everyone involved in staging this event and for the kind words of praise received via the BCIC Facebook page.



## Transport for Barrhill? ★

THERE'S A NEED for immediate transport services in Barrhill, capable of being demand responsive. With that in mind the BCIC would welcome hearing from any Barrhill resident interested in starting a community transport initiative with the BCICs facilitation and funding.

We have a blank sheet of paper on which to create a transport concept to meet everyone's needs. Get in touch to discuss.

## Awaken your senses

YOUR COMMUNITY CAR PARK is about to get a boost in the form of a Sensory Garden project, headed up by Pearl McGibbon, BCIC Director.

We all agree that the borders at the car park need a re-vamp, so what better way than to start planting an array of 'sensory' plants and shrubs for all to enjoy.

Sensory gardens appeal to all 5 senses and offer a rich therapeutic experience to people in all walks of life.

So, if you enjoy working and socialising outdoors get in touch with the BCIC and take part in this wonderful project.



## Memorial Hall renovations on track

THE BCIC have been informed the Memorial Hall renovations are going very well, with the hope for completion by the end of December this year.

The Hall will see a brand new upgraded kitchen as well and new bathrooms, including one with disabled access.

The ground around the Hall will have new drainage and the ground level lowered to reduce the damp issues.

It is hoped the Hall will be opened up to many more groups and events such as craft groups, family parties or as a wedding venue.

When the Hall is finished its hoped to plan a family night to 'unveil' the Hall to the public.



## Education is the key to YOUR success

THE BCIC believes education is one of the most important investments a community can make in its people. If you're thinking about starting any form of study why not get in touch with the Board to see if you're eligible for financial support? The BCIC bursary programme covers all types of education, from one-day courses to university degree study. Get in touch for more details.







Barrhill Primary and Early Years  
Centre present

The Stars Come Out For Christmas  
Barrhill Primary  
Thursday 14th December at 6.30pm

Tickets can be booked on 01465 821281  
Price £2.00 each from 1st December



# Church Carols Evening

Venue  
BARRHILL PRIMARY SCHOOL

SUNDAY 17TH DECEMBER 2017

6.30pm  
Followed by Refreshments



## FANCY A TRIP?

Free community minibus hire through  
the BCIC available for Barrhill groups

Message us for full details



Merry  
Christmas

The BCIC would like to hear  
from you—if you have any  
comments or suggestions  
then feel free to speak to  
the BCIC Directors, find us on Facebook  
or email [bcicbarrhill@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:bcicbarrhill@yahoo.co.uk)



## 2018 Let's consider the following:

- ◆ Long-term financial investment strategy
- ◆ Community project development
- ◆ Outdoor gym equipment
- ◆ Running track
- ◆ Sensory Garden
- ◆ New Village benches
- ◆ Dog Bag Dispensers across village
- ◆ Maximising use of refurbished Hall
- ◆ Community Transport options



BEST WISHES

# HAPPY CHRISTMAS

FROM THE BCIC BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
TO EVERY RESIDENT OF  
BARRHILL



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