



BCIC Newsletter

BARHILL COMMUNITY INTEREST COMPANY

SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- **Barrhill's Flower Show, Events and Concerts**
- **Walk our stretch of the Whithorn Way**
- **Bursary and Grants—the year so far**
- **Rest awhile and make yourself comfortable around the village—but where?**

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Summer's Here

Welcome to the second BCIC Newsletter of 2016—can you believe we're already six months into this new year?.

There's a number of exciting community activities coming up during the next few weeks so please do everything you can to support them. A great deal of time and effort goes into organizing Flower Shows, Gala Days, Exhibitions and Outings. By attending them you're all keeping the village of Barrhill alive and kicking. There's the latest

Community Action Plan to consider and how the BCIC can help make your hopes and dreams for the village a reality. We should all appreciate the importance of planning for future generations of Barrhill and how they will benefit from the correct decisions being made by us today. It's no good having a short-term vision without keeping our eye on the long-term outcome.

As always, we welcome your comments, suggestions or con-



Love's the cloudless summer sun, Nature gay adorning.

Robert Burns

cerns so do get in touch. Enjoy the summer and let's make 2016 the year Barrhill really pulls together .

A call for Community Action?

Hopefully the Barrhill Community Action Plan will soon be complete and you'll be able to review your own copy in the very near future. When it does arrive we're sure you will be asking 'what does this mean for me and how does the BCIC fit into the plan?'

Quite simply, the Community Action Plan is a way of turning our dreams for Barrhill into a reality. It's a document that ensures our vision is made concrete and describes the way every resident of Barrhill, together with the BCIC and Community Council, can use its

strategies to meet its desired objectives. However, any success demands the active participation and engagement of the whole community. Take this message as a call to arms—and make a difference. Only by working together, towards the goals we have identified as priorities, will we succeed.

Arnsheen Park—two reminders

So many people have got in touch to say how much they are enjoying the new Arnsheen Park facility—however we have a very important request to those visitors who decide to drive there. Please do not park on the access road—use the Car Park beside the Community Hall and School and walk down the lane. There's two positive outcomes in making this decision—you get even more exercise, but more importantly the emergency services can still

get through if and when they are needed at the Park itself and adjoining properties. Parking cars on both sides of the road means the route is too narrow.

We've also been advised that there have been a number of visitors seen letting their dogs into Arnsheen Park. On behalf of the community, who voted and agreed to make Arnsheen Park 'dog free' - we respectfully request you refrain from

taking your dogs into the Park.

Whilst rare, contact with dog excrement can cause toxocariasis—a nasty infection. We all want to keep the Park a safe and secure place for old and young alike to play—so no dogs please.



Barrhill Playgroup



There's nothing better for our children than education through play

Barrhill Playgroup is held every Thursday in the village hall between 12 – 2 for ages birth to pre-school. It's a great opportunity for young ones to get together and for the mummies to meet too. Anyone who would like to come along from Barrhill and surrounding areas would be most welcome.

of Ayr Farm Park. The children are loving the new toys and enjoy going to playgroup to play with them. They can't wait for the trip too!. Barrhill Playgroup would like to say a big thank you to the BCIC—it is very much appreciated.



The BCIC recently provided the playgroup with funding to purchase some much needed new toys and equipment and also approved a grant for a summer outing to the Heads



Barrhill's next generation benefit from their BCIC Grant

In the steps of Saints, Monks and Monarchs

In April 2016 members of the Steering Group of the Whithorn Way were welcomed to Barrhill by the Chairman and Secretary of the Community Council and local residents. Established in 2013 as part of the celebrations of the 850th Anniversary of the founding of Paisley Abbey, the Whithorn Way is a new walk starting at Glasgow Cathedral, passing through Carrick and finishing in Whithorn. Covering 127

miles and split into 12 sections of varying lengths, we are proud to see that Barrhill, and namely Martyrs' Tomb is one of the highlights. We encourage all Barrhill residents to get out, get fit and immerse yourselves in history by walking at least our own section of the Whithorn Way.



Section 10:
Barrhill to New Luce
13 miles total



A warm Barrhill welcome



Martyrs' Tomb

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Success so far this year

The BCIC is delighted to announce that many of you are taking advantage of the generous Grants and Bursaries available either on a personal level or for your groups and organisations. To date this year over £1,945.00 in bursary funding, and £4,418.22 in grants has been made.

ers to spraying courses—the BCIC has enabled residents to make the most of their education. On top of that we've funded planting schemes and Christmas Lights, toys to educational outings—now let us help you. If you have an idea that needs the backing of the BCIC to make it happen, just get in touch and we'll be happy to discuss your options.

'The BCIC believes in supporting our community, and local events is one of the best ways to do that'.

Email us on:

bcicbarrhill@yahoo.co.uk

Think about what you can achieve in 2016 with a BCIC Bursary or Grant - get in touch for more details

BARRHILL GALA DAY & FAMILY FUN NIGHT

Saturday 16th July

Fun starts at 2pm

Evening Music by

'The Huttons'



Dave Brackenridge In Concert



**Saturday
18 June
7.30pm**

**St Colmon
Church
Colmonell
KA26 0SA**

**Tickets
£4.00**

**Buy at Sweetie
Shop Girvan /
at the door on
the night / or
see local
posters**

Find us on 

Beetle Drive

Thursday 9 June

School Hall

Time—to be advised

Great Prizes including Hamper
and iPad!

Come along & support your lo-
cal school

CAR TREASURE HUNT

Friday 15th July

Roam the roads of Carrick and
solve the riddles to gain points
and win some great prizes

See local posters

Barrhill Memorial Hall Community Association

Barrhill Flower Show

Saturday 3rd September 2016 2pm - 4pm

Barrhill Memorial Hall

There are 68 different classes to enter in the following sections:
Vegetable, Flowers, Decorative, Handicrafts, Baking, Preserves & Confectionary,
Biggest, Heaviest & Fun Sections and Children's so there's something for everyone!

Schedules are available to purchase from:

Barrhill - Mark's Shop and GP Surgery
Ballantrae - BRICC and Craigmains
Mobile Library Bus

Please do come along and take part and help us to make
The Barrhill Flower Show a great success

We look forward to seeing all your entries

Admission £2 which includes a cream tea

Rest Awhile—but where?

All too often we find ourselves rushing here and there and never taking the time out to sit and watch the world go by. We all lead such busy lives - but wouldn't it be nice when you are in Barrhill and want to rest awhile—then you could always find a comfortable seat?

With that in mind, the BCIC are considering purchasing a number of new park benches to be located in and around Barrhill,, Let us know what you think—and if you're in agreement where they should be located. We would be looking to source environmentally friendly, tough, vandal proof benches that would look good and be in keeping with the 'feel' of

the village. We could also consider a 'dedicate a bench' scheme, where a commemorative plaque could be installed to honour special Barrhill residents



or village milestones and successes. Again, we need to hear what you think so do let us know your thoughts.

Put your thinking caps on and share your views on how you

would like to see the village improved; hanging baskets, planters & tubs, new signposts, bicycle racks, tourist boards? Would a community orchard appeal to you? What else would enhance your daily life and benefit everyone?

Help the BCIC to succeed in its vision to develop a vibrant village—one that caters for its residents and also appeals to visitors.

We wait to hear from you—happy summer.

"Let's go off by ourselves to a quiet place and rest awhile."



Barrhill Community Interest Company

- Chairman—Simon Redman
- Vice Chairman—Philip Porter
- Secretary /Memberships—Angela Blackstock
- Treasurer—Mark Bradshaw
- Directors - David Russell, Johnnie Thomson, Gavin Hughes, Sarah Malone, Euan Allan

New members always welcome! Do get in touch - either in person or using the BCIC email address of bcicbarrhill@yahoo.co.uk.

If you have an idea or would like to talk about starting a new project or seek financial support for an existing group or organisation, then we would be more than happy to arrange an informal face-to-face chat to get things going.

We hope you've enjoyed this summer edition of the BCIC Newsletter and look forward to hearing from you soon.

The BCIC Board