

SUMMER 2017

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# BCIC Newsletter

BARRHILL COMMUNITY INTEREST COMPANY

## Message from the Chairman

Please attend this year's Barrhill Community Interest Company's Annual General Meeting - taking place on Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> August 2017 in the Barrhill Memorial Hall. BCIC members will also be receiving a full copy of the Annual Accounts, so they can review this document at home and raise questions at the AGM. Only 13 residents attended last year's meeting, and as there are over 147 members of the BCIC registered, this turnout was extremely disappointing. Remember! You do not have to be a member of the BCIC to attend—each and every resident of the village is welcome.

Make a note in your diary NOW to come along and air your views, hear about the exciting new projects in the pipeline and take part in shaping Barrhill's future.

Why not consider standing as a BCIC Director? Nominations for new directors open on the 18th July and close on the 8th of August—nomination forms will be sent out to all BCIC Members in due course, but if you'd like one now please contact any BCIC Director.

Barrhill Community Interest Company

 **AGM**  
Annual General Meeting

WEDNESDAY 23<sup>RD</sup> AUGUST  
7.00pm  
Barrhill Memorial Hall  
All residents welcome



**STAND UP**

**SPEAK UP**

**BE HEARD**

## BCIC BOARD NEWS—TWO DIRECTORS RESIGN

The BCIC was very sorry to accept resignations from Angela Blackstock, BCIC Director & Board Secretary and Euan Allan, BCIC Director.

The Board would like to thank Angela for all her efforts during the past three years, with specific reference to the Winter Fuel Payments and overseeing the BCIC Membership Database. The Board noticed and appreciated your attention to detail and we were proud to have you as part of our team—thank you and good luck Angela.

Please note that all BCIC Members will shortly be receiving Directors' Nomination Forms and we strongly urge you to consider joining the BCIC Board. We need to keep the BCIC going. Your voice can impact the choices made about your village. Every decision made by the BCIC Board is driven by the wants and needs of the community. Only with your help can we make the RIGHT decisions.

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# NEW DIRECTORS WANTED

## VOLUNTARY POST NO EXPERIENCE NECESSARY

Do you care what happens to Barrhill? Do you want to make a difference to where you live and shape its future?

If 'yes' and you're over 16, then why not join the Board of the Barrhill Community Interest Company? We are looking for people willing to attend monthly meetings and are able to spare 1 to 2 hours each month, helping the BCIC shape & achieve its goals.

For more information or an informal chat please contact us on [bcicbarrhill@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:bcicbarrhill@yahoo.co.uk) or speak to any BCIC Director (list available in The Shop, Barrhill)



## Learning to Drive in 2017?



Are you learning to drive this year? If so, then apply to the BCIC for your one-off payment of £150.00.

Available to all Barrhill residents who book their driving test in 2017\*.

Living in rural Scotland can be a challenge when it comes to getting to work, college or to the shops. The BCIC thinks its important we help make your journey towards independence a little easier.

Documentary proof of driving test booking will be required so please contact any BCIC Director for more details.

*Terms and Conditions apply\*.*

## Bursary Funds Available to all

Any resident applying to study at university away from home, taking up an apprenticeship, Open University or Short Course in any educational subject can now apply for funding. So, if you've always wanted to learn a new skill from Cake Decorating to Accounting now is your chance to receive financial support in achieving your dreams.

Terms and conditions apply—for full details and an application form please contact any BCIC Director or email us on [bcicbarrhill@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:bcicbarrhill@yahoo.co.uk)

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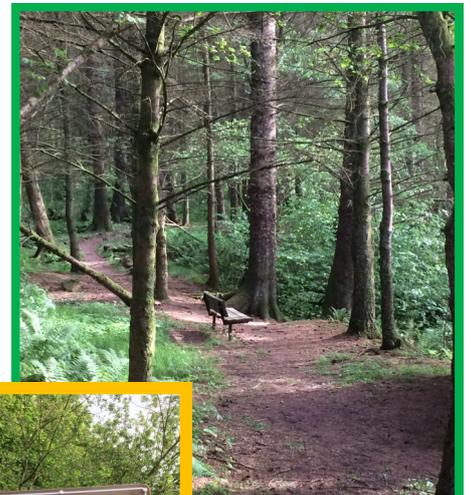


## New access to Martyrs' Tomb—thanks to the BCIC

Over the course of the winter season work has been taking place on creating a brand new access route to the historic Martyrs' Tomb.

Now residents and visitors to our historic landmark can enjoy a scenic and easily accessible walk, clearly signposted off Station Road, following the banks of Cross Water.

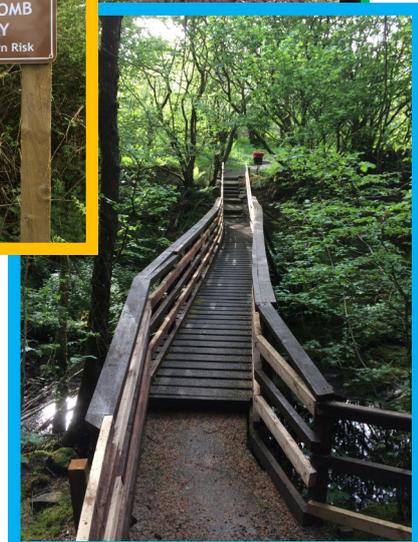
The work on the new 'Martyrs' Tomb Walk' was kindly undertaken by David Blackstock on behalf of the BCIC. We hope you agree this new access is just what the village needed. Get out and about and explore —a treat awaits.



## Bringing Fibre broadband to Barrhill

Did you know that hundreds of communities are already benefiting from superfast broadband via partnering with BT?

The BT Community Fibre Partnership Scheme is designed and committed to working with communities to find a fibre solution. If a village isn't covered in an existing fibre upgrade plan, BT will help find a solution to bring fibre to that area. There usually needs to be a joint funding arrangement, where BT cover the costs in line with their commercial model used throughout the country and the community has the option to self-fund the remaining gap. Do you think this would be money well spent for your village? If so, come along to the AGM to discuss this important issue.



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Barrhill Memorial Hall Community Association

## FUN DAY

Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> July at 1pm  
Arnshean Play Park, Barrhill

The fun starts at 1pm with a Roald Dahl themed fancy dress parade for ALL AGES starting next to the Bowling Green

Refreshments available throughout the day

MOONWALKER  
KIDS' FUN FAIR

**Family Fun Sports Day and Fun Team Challenges for all ages - Prizes to be won!**  
See additional poster or Barrhill Memorial Hall facebook page for more details

FUN TIME ENTERTAINMENT

GIANT INFLATABLE ARMY ASSAULT COURSE

Email barrhill.hall@gmail.com Tel 07767689716 to book a stall £10  Find us on facebook.

Barrhill Memorial Hall Community Association

## Car Treasure Hunt

Friday 14<sup>th</sup> July 6pm Start  
Barrhill Memorial Hall, Main Street KA26 OPP  
£5 per car  
Cars to leave in 10 minutes intervals  
A fantastic night of family fun not to be missed

Good Luck




Remember.....you have got to be in it to win it!!!

Barrhill Fun Day - 15<sup>th</sup> July 2017 1pm

### GIANT INFLATABLE ARMY ASSAULT COURSE TIME TRIALS

Are YOU up to the challenge?

CASH PRIZE

£10 FOR GROUPS OF 4 ADULTS  
£5 FOR GROUPS OF 4 CHILDREN AGE 5+

Gather together a group of friends, family, workmates, club members etc. and name your team!

Tug 'o' War - who will be champions for 2017?

PLUS Free to enter - just for fun!

## Family Sports Day

Each team is required to make a mascot on top of a broom handle with their team name displayed.

Cash prize for the team who WINS the Army Assault Course Time Trials!

# Barrhill Flower Show

1st Saturday in September  
Show opens at 2pm

Barrhill Memorial Hall  
Community Association

Free Community  
BBQ Area  
Arnshean Park  
All Summer Long!

Held on the last Friday of the month  
130pm to 3.00pm  
Meet at the Gazebo in Arnshean Park  
All welcome  
See you there

Arnshean Park  
Community Gardening Club

Barrhill Bowling Club

## Try Bowling Days!

Come and join us on the second Sunday of each month at 2pm until when the midges come out!

14<sup>th</sup> May, 11<sup>th</sup> June, 13<sup>th</sup> August & 10<sup>th</sup> September

Open to anyone who would like to join us for a relaxing afternoon of bowling with refreshments at half time

Experienced bowlers, new bowlers of all ages and spectators will be made very welcome

### Bowls available to borrow

PLEASE MAKE SURE YOU WEAR FLAT SOLED SHOES IF YOU INTEND TO PLAY  
ALL CHILDREN MUST BE ACCOMPANIED BY A RESPONSIBLE ADULT

BARRHILL HALL SWEEP

## Best of Luck!

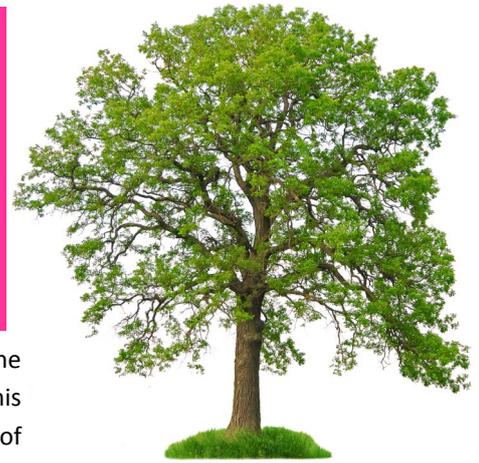
NEW MEMBERS WELCOME

£1 per month per number  
£100 paid out every month  
£50 goes to Village Hall every month

To join contact Euan or Helen on  
01465 821266 or  
07900 004516

## Successful Tree Planting at Arnsheen Park

Planting trees is one of the easiest and most sustainable ways to positively affect the environment and that's why, with Barrhill's younger generation taking the lead, a tree-planting day took place at Arnsheen Park in February. Despite the overcast and drizzly day there was a good turnout to support this worthy event.



The BCIC are proud to be supporting the Ayrshire Rivers Trust's Carrick Education Project with the establishment of woodland on the banks of the Duisik River, running through Arnsheen Park. This means that this magnificent local Park will be even more enhanced by the natural beauty of native species of trees for generations to come. Please join us in thanking each and every person who turned out to take part. More planting will be taking place in the winter of 2017—so we will be asking for more volunteers nearer the time.



## Shameful behavior of some dog owners

Dog fouling is not only deeply unpleasant, it is dangerous. On behalf of the community, who voted and AGREED to make Arnsheen Park 'dog free' - we respectfully request all dog owners refrain from taking dogs into the Park.

Yet again, we have been told of dogs entering and fouling the Park. We take picking up after our dogs very seriously in Barrhill. Everyone is held accountable for picking up after their pets and we, as a community, help enforce this policy. If this issue remains a problem, owners allowing this to happen could face a fine and no-one wants it to come to that. Arnsheen Park is used by old and young alike—and whilst rare, contact with dog excrement can cause toxocariasis—a nasty infection. Keep our Park safe and secure—no dogs please.

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The BCIC is a voluntary organisation, run by local residents to act on behalf of Barrhill. The Board of Directors is comprised of people who care about our community and want to make it a better place to live.

The BCIC tries to bring local people together to help make things happen, and tries to protect and promote the identity of our community.

However, its easy to say 'its not my child, not my community, not my world, not my problem' - but the fact remains you ARE a resident of Barrhill and your community needs you to step up to the mark. The BCIC needs your engagement and pro-activity if it is to survive.

Please consider any way you can to help the current Board of Directors make Barrhill a place to be proud of, and somewhere future generations will thrive and be happy.

### Barrhill Community Interest Company



- Chairman—*Simon Redman*
- Vice Chairman—*Gavin Hughes*
- Secretary /Memberships—*Vacant Position*
- Treasurer—*Mark Bradshaw*
- Directors - *David Russell, Johnnie Thomson, Sarah Malone, Fionnadh Ratchford*

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