



Dalmuir Park  
Housing Association

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# Directors Welcome



Welcome to the latest bumper edition of your DPHA magazine which is full of news about the Housing Association's work in your Community.

The magazine highlights our new Computer Suite in our Out of School Care Group kindly donated to the Group by Microtech Support Ltd.

We also have news on our AGM held in August and we see the return of the popular hanging baskets in and around the Community.

There have been loads going on throughout the summer. Just before the schools closed for their summer break we were delighted to assist St Stephen's Primary by donating a flag pole to allow them to fly their new eco Green Flag.

I'll not spoil the fun any longer, hope you have an enjoyable read.

*John*

**John Gilleece,  
Chair, Dalmuir Park Housing  
Association.**



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## Dalmuir in Bloom

Residents may have noticed that the Association again put up a number of hanging baskets in the area this year. Many positive comments have been received about the quality of the baskets and we are pleased that they have made such a colourful display.

Hopefully this will continue to be a regular feature in the coming years and reflects the Association's continuing efforts to brighten up the whole area.

As discussed at this year's Annual General Meeting we always welcome ideas from residents that could be put into practice. Please feel free to contact us.

## DPHA AGM



Our AGM went ahead on Tuesday 17th August at 543 Club. The evening was well attended and residents had the opportunity to voice their opinions on the service provided by the Association over the past year. Chairperson, John Gilleece opened the meeting by thanking everyone for their attendance, including Councillor Jim McElhill, and majored on increasing the Association membership in the coming year 2010/11.



Pat Gilbride, Association Director, added that there were 4 vacancies on the committee and invited anyone with an interest to contact him directly prior to the next management committee meeting. Pat continued his address by progressing through the Association annual report. Brian Inglis, Finance Manager then discussed the Association accounts for 2009/2010.

Following the meeting, Pat said: "It's always nice to get the chance to speak to so many members and tenants and focus on what the Association has achieved over the year as documented in our Annual Report. I think it's good for the committee and the staff to take a step back and look at the outcomes of our hard work over the year, and the results are usually surprisingly good. It's also an opportunity to recognise the effort, enthusiasm and commitment of everyone attached to the Association and their contribution to our work as a genuine investor in the community."

# Summertime Activities

## Summer Social



The Association once again held its Summer Social in the 543 Club. Over 80 elderly and special needs tenants enjoyed a three course meal, bingo, a raffle and entertainment.

The ever popular Christian was welcomed back for the 2nd successive year, providing Cabaret through the afternoon. He turned back time by singing many old songs, helped along by many revellers.

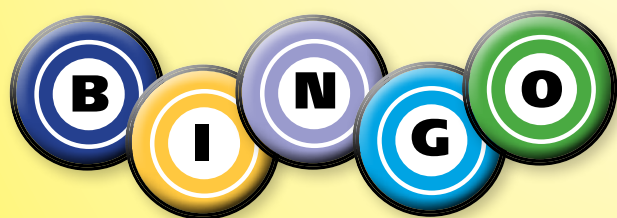
Anne Lees of Agamemnon Street said: 'It's very good of the Association putting this event on for their tenants, it's much appreciated'. Joyce Hamilton of Nairn Place added: "The meal was excellent and the reception could not have been any better." Finally Seonaid McDonald of Burns Street thanked the Association for a lovely afternoon, stating it was "Excellent."

As said last year, watch this space....Christian could be back!!!

## Salsa Night

Tenants in our sheltered housing complexes and local friends enjoy a Salsa night in June. The night was primarily to raise funds for both complexes as well as everyone letting their hair down Cha-Cha-Cha style. Our friends at the local 543 club played host to Graham Fox Latin Dance Group, in what proved a very successful evening. Way before the night the sold out signs were up with 120 tickets sold and as the crowds drifted slowly home £472 was raised.

Margaret McKeown of DPHA said: "The dancers enjoyed taking part in dance demos throughout the evening and the night was a great success." The night included a finger buffet and raffle prizes galore.



## & Film Night

It's Eyes down – Look in every Wednesday at our Nairn Street/Shafsbury Street Complexes. Alternating each week between the two, Bingo nights are now very popular with the sheltered residents. Whether it's two little ducks (Quack Quack) or legs eleven (thank you whistlers) each night is frequented by more than 20 people all trying to call HOUSE before tucking into Tea, sandwiches and sausage rolls.

By request of the residents the complexes run film nights once a month. Films include black and white from yesteryear to up-to-date movies. There is a real cinema feel to these night when the usherettes appear, by torch light at the interval, selling ice cream. A light finger buffet is also on offer for those in need of a light bite. Another successful and popular activity which lets everyone have a laugh and simply have a chat.

## With Thanks

Each year Dalmuir Park Housing Association organises events for the local community, from Soccer Sixes tournaments to Summer Socials, Bounce Parties to Xmas Vouchers. Each year, usually in December, we ask our contractors, consultants and local businesses to make a donation toward assisting funding these projects and activities. This year support was provided from the following companies:-

AB Services - Ventillation  
Averton Landscapes – Landscape Maintenance  
Campbell & Kennedy – Aerial and Satellite Installation  
Hi-Flow – Gas Engineers, Plumbing, Heating, Joinery & Electrical  
J Elliot – Window Cleaners  
David Mitchell – Plastering & Building  
Howdens – Kitchen, Doors, Joinery & Bathrooms  
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JCM Joiners – Joiner Services  
Fleming & Reid – Solicitor Advocates & Notaries Public  
French Duncan- Professional Chartered Accountants  
Microtech Support – IT Support & Maintenance  
The Planned Maintenance Company – Maintenance Consultancy  
John J Smith & Co – Solicitors

The Association relies heavily on the goodwill of each company to allow the Community Development Program to prosper. We would like to take this opportunity to thank them for their kind contributions.

## 543 Club Donation

Dalmuir Park Housing Association was more than pleased to present the 543 Club, based in Nairn Place, with a donation of £300 at the Association's AGM.

Working in Community Partnership with the local club it assists the Association by housing events suchlike it's AGM, Summer Social, training events and is on standby for any out-of-the-blue events that may occur. Pat Gilbride, Association Director said: "Recently inclement weather caused the temporary closure of our Out of School Care Group. The 543 Club stepped in to provide temporary accommodation preventing prolonged closure of a much needed and valuable community service."



Pat Gilbride, DPHA Director with Jamie Stevenson of 543 Club and John Gilleece, DPHA Chair.

## Great Day Out!

Both complexes joined ranks in June for their annual bus trip. On a glorious summers day over 30 people travelled to Ayr where they enjoyed an afternoon wandering the popular quaint town or simply taking in the sunshine in the beautiful gardens.

The bus returned to Dalmuir via Largs where everyone enjoyed dinner at the Burnbank Hotel. The tenants were accompanied by staff from DPHA who volunteered to assist in what proved to be a great day out.

Isa Glen, resident at our Shaftsbury Street complex, wrote into the Association saying "My sincere thanks to the volunteer girls whose help made my day so enjoyable and to the Association for allowing it all to happen".

Everyone is looking forward to next summer already!!



# Association helps school fly the flag



Pupils at St Stephen's Primary School in Clydebank were thrilled to earn "Green Flag" status for being environmentally friendly.

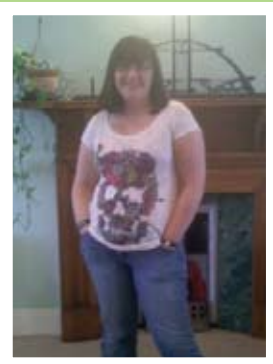
But the wind was taken out of their sails when they discovered the school couldn't afford to buy a flagpole to display their eco award.

However, on hearing about their dilemma, Dalmuir Park Housing Association came to their aid and the flag is now proudly flying above the school in Second Avenue.

John Gillece, Chair of DPHA, said:

"Everyone at St Stephen's should be extremely proud of their achievements. It would have been a terrible shame if they couldn't fly their flag after all their hard work. Dalmuir Park Housing Association was delighted to help them buy the flagpole and the official flag raising was a great event."

## Your Committee Alison Quinn - Treasurer



I joined the committee about 6 years ago with the aim of making sure that tenants get a right to have their say in the way that their rent money is used. Primarily this would enable their houses being fit for the purpose of making life comfortable and safe.

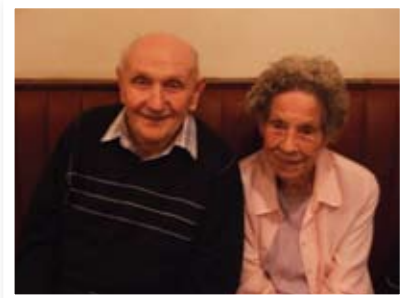
We have been fortunate to get new committee members over the last few years which allows the Association to keep up to date with fresh ideas. I also became Association Treasurer three years ago.

I have lived in Clydebank all of my life having moved from Parkhall down to Dalmuir, 21 years ago, when I married and had my son. I enjoy living in the area as it has all the community facilities required. DPHA has

also been involved in enhancing the local community, the most recent being the 'Beardmore Sculpture' located next to the Association offices.

I really enjoy being on the Committee as I don't see the point of sitting back and talking about what you want. You should get up and make your voice heard.

## New Tenants



Our newest tenants to our sheltered housing complex are Mr & Mrs Meldrum. Taking up tenancy in our Nairn Place Complex in April 2010, they have settled in well and indeed very quickly. Despite both being in their 90's they had a great day at our recent Summer Social in August at the nearby 543 club.

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# Microtech - ni

DALMUIR OUT OF SCHOOL CARE GROUP RECENTLY TOOK A MAJOR STEP INTO THE FUTURE WITH THE HELP OF MICROTECH. THE KILMARNOCK BASED COMPANY DONATED A FULLY FUNCTIONING COMPUTER SUITE FOR THE GROUP.



Pat Gilbride, Director of DPHA and Chris McMail, Director of Microtech Support



The Microtech Suite, consisting of Apple Mac computers and printers as well as computer desks and chairs, will allow the children access to games, and educational software as well as internet access.

Microtech Support Ltd, established in 1986, has been providing Computer hardware and software support services to Dalmuir Park Housing Association for well over 10 years. On-going contracts with the NHS and local corporate customers have allowed Microtech to continue to expand with heavy investment in support facilities and staff. Microtech now employs over 30 members of staff including the only full time fully manned service desk facility available for businesses of all types and all sizes in the area and over 15 Field Engineers providing on site support anywhere in Scotland. Microtech are a Microsoft Gold Partner and are currently working towards iso-20k accreditation.

Dalmuir Park Out of School Care Group has been in existence for almost 20 years. It has facilities to accommodate up to 75 children and employs two coordinators and 6 staff. It is located in Dalmuir CE Centre, Duntocher Road, Dalmuir, Clydebank.

The group serves three schools; St Stephen's Primary, Clydemuir Primary & Our Lady of Loretto Primary and in addition provides a Playscheme service for local kids during school holidays.

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Chris McMail, Director of Microtech Support said:

"I am delighted that we are able to sponsor the organisation in this way. As a father of two young children I fully recognise how important it is for children of all ages to have access to computers and the web. Computers are becoming much more accessible in the classroom and provision of these facilities will allow the same children to be able to practice out with school".

Pat Gilbride, Director of Dalmuir Park Housing Association said:

"We want to provide the highest levels of care for children attending DOSCG, and this facility does exactly that and helps to make our childcare both fun and educational through state of the art technology. The Association has long benefitted from the experience and support provided by Microtech, and we thank Chris for his generous investment in the project and the community".

All parties gathered at the Out of School Care Group for the launch on Thursday 19th August. Present was Pat Gilbride, Director of DPHA, John Gilleece, Chairperson of DPHA, Chris McMail, Managing Director of Microtech Support Ltd and all kids and staff from the group. Pictures were taken courtesy of Elaine Findlay of Clydebank Camera club.





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# Clydebank School League

Throughout the season of 2009/2010 nine local schools participated in the Clydebank Schools League, a new football league sponsored by Dalmuir Park Housing Association. The schools participating in the league are Clydemuir Primary, Our Lady of Loretto, St Stephens Primary, Our Holy Redeemer Primary, St Eunans Primary, Kilbowie Primary, Carleith Primary, St Marys Primary and Edinbarnet Primary.

The teams were scheduled to play each other once over the course of the year and although there were some teething problems most matches took place. The Associations sponsorship provided funds for footballs, trophies and bibs. A variety of venues were used for the matches and all schools agreed that the first year of the Clydebank School League has been a huge success.

Drew Murray, Assistant Head at Our Lady of Loretto, said 'The league was created primarily to provide boys and girls aged between 8 and 12 with the opportunity to compete in a much needed football league whilst emphasising healthy lifestyles and sportsmanship.

Our Lady of Loretto were overall winners of the Clydebank school league having won most of their matches played. A number of schools did not manage to play all their games and it is hoped that this year these teething problems will be ironed out.



In addition to the league the Clydebank Schools Cup was founded and was played for at Our Lady of Loretto Pitches and Clydemuir Pitches in June. There were two group stages, Group A playing at Loretto and Group B playing at Clydemuir with 4 teams in each group. The top two teams from each group progressed into the semi finals which took place at Loretto.

The first semi final was between Our Lady of Loretto and Clydemuir. After a fantastic match Loretto progressed into the final. The second semi final was between Kilbowie and Edinbarnet which Kilbowie won.

A number of pupils from St Peter The Apostle High kindly volunteered to assist with the refereeing of the games and the final commenced between Our Lady of Loretto and Kilbowie Primary, Loretto coming out on top 6-0.



Drew Murray added 'After the final every child who participated was awarded a medal, thanks to the funding from DPHA. Overall everyone had a fantastic day! We hope to begin the new league for season 2010/11 in mid-September.

## DPHA Soccer 6's

It's all about to kick off once again at the Playdrome in Clydebank. The organisation of the DPHA Winter Soccer 6's is well under way. Dates are being confirmed and schools will be notified in due course, see the next issue for all the drama.





# Dalmuir Park Sports Club

Dalmuir Park Sports Club recently ended their first season and considered it very successful indeed. The coaches and committee, as well as Dalmuir Park Housing Association, would like to take this opportunity to say well done to the Under 12's and Under 8's for all their hard work and commitment this season.

The Under 12's recently participated in a tournament at Haggerston Castle and they did extremely well. The parents support at this event was magnificent and 52 people enjoyed their weekend representing Dalmuir Park Sports Club.

The annual presentation night was also a great success and the Club Secretary provided a vote of thanks to the committee, coaches and parents for their hard work organising this event and for their efforts during the season. Thanks was extended to everyone at St. Stephens Parish for their hospitality and to Brian Woolfson from Real Radio and Paul Donnelly Freestyler for entertainment on the night.



A presentation was made to John Gilleece, Chairperson of Dalmuir Park Housing Association of a football signed by Ossie Ardiles, a World Cup winner with Argentina in 1978, as a thank you for season 2009/2010. The club were also indebted to CB Cars and Montgomery Litho for their additional sponsorship and support of the club.

The Under 12's team recently participated in an 8k sponsored walk for The National Autistic Society in which they raised £456. A cheque of all proceeds was presented by some of the Under 12's Team along with coaches to Renton School who provide support to primary aged children in West Dunbartonshire who have either Specific Language Impairments or whose difficulties lie on the autistic spectrum. **WELL DONE BOYS!**



The Under 8's team enjoyed participating in the Ian Cullen Memorial Tournament, the coaches were much impressed by their hard work and commitment.

Sleeves were rolled up off the pitch in July when the Sports Club went bag packing in ASDA & Sainsbury's to raise additional club funds. Without this effort the club would be unable to progress in such a big way.



Finally good luck to all teams for the new season. If you are interested in joining Dalmuir Park Sports Club details of training can be obtained from our website.

# Clydebank camera club



Clydebank Camera Club Prizewinners

Clydebank Camera Club held their annual presentation of prizes in May. Speaker for the evening was Gary Earl of Dalmuir Park Housing Association, who handed out prizes to winners and runners up in all categories.

During the summer recess, Clydebank Camera Club recently displayed their annual exhibition of prints in both Clydebank and Dalmuir Libraries during the months of July & August.

The club recommences on Wednesday 1st September and look forward to welcoming both current & new members for a new season.

The club have a new committee & are excited about the coming months ahead. They will be having their usual competitions, both amongst club members & other clubs within the Glasgow District Photographic Union (GDPU). They also offer a buddy system, (small groups, one to one), teaching various skills to members, such as photoshop, lighting, metering, general photography etc. They also have their own small print room with laptop, A3 printer & digital projector for displaying our images.

**If anyone is interested in joining please contact Elaine Findlay at [elaine.findlay@ntlworld.com](mailto:elaine.findlay@ntlworld.com), or browse their website on [www.clydebank-camera-club.co.uk](http://www.clydebank-camera-club.co.uk)**

# Anti Social Behaviour

A ground breaking approach to tackling anti social behaviour was launched at Dumbarton Police Office on Tuesday 20 July 2010, when a joint Anti Social Behaviour Policy was signed by representatives of West Dunbartonshire Council's Anti Social Investigation and Support Team (ASIST) and nine local Registered Social Landlords (RSLs).

The joint Anti Social Behaviour Policy was signed by officers from the ASIST Team, Bellsmyre Housing Association, Cordale Housing Association, Clydebank Housing Association, Cube Housing Association, Dalmuir Park Housing Association, Dunbritton Housing Association, Faifley Housing Association, Knowes Housing Association and Trafalgar Housing Association.

The launch of this policy reinforces the commitment of all partners and also ensures that there is a consistent approach to tackling anti social behaviour across West Dunbartonshire.

It is clear that anti social behaviour, such as drug dealing and street disorder, has a detrimental effect on the local environment, as well as the wellbeing of everyone in the community.

With the introduction of the Anti Social Behaviour Policy, all complaints will be investigated following a standard approach, regardless of whether you are a council tenant, housing association tenant, tenant of a private landlord or home owner.

Equally important is how we support the victims of anti social behaviour, and our links with Victim Support Scotland ensure that we can provide the necessary help and support to people suffering the effects of anti social behaviour.

Strathclyde Police, who are our main partner in tackling anti social behaviour, are similarly committed to supporting ASIST and the housing associations through sharing of information and in other ongoing joint initiatives.

The launch of the joint Anti Social Behaviour Policy demonstrates the commitment all the partners have to supporting our communities, delivering real and lasting solutions to anti social behaviour and ensuring a consistent approach to tackling anti social behaviour wherever it occurs in West Dunbartonshire.

Residents in West Dunbartonshire can be assured that we are aware of the detrimental effect anti social behaviour can have on both individuals and communities. We will therefore continue to work together to deal with any anti social problems sensitively, effectively and which swiftly leads to a resolution'

If you wish to make a complaint about anti social behaviour, you can do this by contacting your housing association office, council housing office, our Anti Social Behaviour Helpline on 01389 772048, or by email to [asist@west-dunbarton.gov.uk](mailto:asist@west-dunbarton.gov.uk).

The Noise Enforcement Team has been replaced by ASB officers. There are 6 ASB officers and 2 Senior ASB Officers based at Leven Valley who are now dealing with Noise Calls, Litter and Dog fouling if you have any complaints in your HA regarding the aforementioned do not hesitate to contact myself or Irene Keegan and we will pass it on to our ASB officers. The service runs 7 days a week from 20:00-04:00 and the Officers can be contacted via the Police or on the ASB helpline (until 02:00hrs) 01389772048.



## Back Court Improvements

As part of our Estate Action Plan we try to encourage residents to make improvements to their back courts. An example of one of our successes is the backcourt at 595 Dumbarton Road.

We received a request from parents who wished to involve their children in brightening up the garden area. We agreed to provide some seats, plants and children's starter garden packs for this new project. The picture shows the great efforts co-ordinated by resident Karen Hillhouse.

The keen eyed among you will note that we also provided a water butt which we piloted here in an effort to meet our eco friendly commitment.

## Factoring

All owners will by now have received their annual factoring invoice for the year 2010/11. Many thanks to those owners who have promptly paid their invoices in this difficult financial climate.

The Association is constantly attempting to reduce arrears and unfortunately there remains a number of owners who have yet to make payment to their Factoring Account

The Association will take legal action against any owners who fail to pay their Factoring Account and all legal costs will be passed onto you. We do hope, however, that this action is a last resort. If you are experiencing financial difficulties, contact the Finance Department immediately to discuss a repayment plan.

Payments can be made using the usual methods, via your Allpay Card, by Direct Debit or in the Association's office. If you do not have an Allpay Card or if you wish to pay by Direct Debit the Finance Department can arrange this for you.

We do hope to see an improvement in Factoring Arrears within the coming months.

# Dalmuir Views

Have you visited the Dalmuir Moon Garden?

Created in 2007, the Moon Garden is situated, just off Dumbarton Road near the 543 Club. Located within the Associations Sheltered Housing Complex, the garden was created to enable residents to relax on a fine Summers day and have a chat to friends or simply read their newspaper or a book.

Funding from Greenspace and The Scottish Government enabled this project to be realised.

It may be worth a look...why not take your camera and snap some of the fine sculpture works and glorious gardens, not to mention our demonstration vegetable plot maintained by gardener Tony Pirrie.



## Dalmuir Park H.A. Puzzle/ **Word Search**

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For further information please pick up an information pack at your local housing office.

## Useful Contact Numbers

**Dalmuir Park Housing Association**  
**0141 952 2447**

**West Dunbartonshire Council**  
**01389 737000**

**Police/Fire/Ambulance Emergency**  
**999**

**Police Enquiries**  
**532 3300**

**Crime Prevention**  
**532 3338**

**Community Safety**  
**532 3310**

**Victim Support**  
**952 2095**

**Citizen's Advice**  
**951 8666**

**Employment Service**  
**800 2700**

**Housing Benefits**  
**01389 738555**

**Council Tax**  
**01389 737444**

**Anti Social Behaviour Helpline**  
(Mon-Fri 9am-11pm Sat-Sun 3pm-11pm)  
**01389 772048**

**Refuse Collection Bulk Uplifts**  
**01389 737829**

**Independent Resource Centre**  
**951 4040**

**Dalmuir Library**  
**952 3532**

**Dalmuir CE Centre**  
**941 1903**

**Clydebank Health Centre**  
**531 6300**

**Western Infirmary**  
**211 2000**

**Vale of Leven General**  
**01389 754121**

**Social Work -**  
**01389 737758** (out of hrs) **0800 811 505**



## £1 Association Membership Application Form



Would you like to become a member of Dalmuir Park Housing Association?

If so, please complete this application form and return it with your subscription of £1.

Your application will then be considered at the next Management Committee meeting and if accepted you will be issued with a share certificate.

Your £1 payment is treated as share capital and the certificate is recognition of your rights as a member to take part in all the general meetings of the association and in the election of the management committee.

The issue of the share certificate makes you a lifelong member but does not commit you in any way to personal liability. If you want to find out more about the way the Association, and in the election of the Management Committee is run, you can request a copy of the Rule Book.

### Application Form

To: The Secretary, Dalmuir Park Housing Association  
631 Dumbarton Road, Dalmuir, Clydebank G81 4EU

I'd like to apply for membership of Dalmuir Park Housing Association Limited and enclose £1.00 for one share.

Full name.....

Address.....

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Signed.....

Date.....

