



Farewell to 2023!

WELL, THAT'S ANOTHER YEAR ALMOST GONE, AND IT'S A YEAR THAT WITNESSED MANY CHANGES IN OUR VILLAGES.

Younger residents in particular have benefited from many of these changes. A greatly improved and upgraded play area in Moor Park is busy and a good facility for children of all ages. The new cycle track is being well used by almost every type of wheeled vehicle that children use (and even some sledges during the recent snowy spell), though we wonder when we're getting the adult one.

After a couple of delays, **Chryston Primary School** moved into their new premises in the Chryston Community Hub, which also contains the health centre (yet to open). The teachers and children seem to be settling in really well, and their first Christmas Fair in their new premises, on the 1st of December, was a great success.

TREE-MENDOUS EFFORT (SORRY!)

It seems an awfully long time ago now, but everyone had a great time at the Gala Day during the summer. We were there (*see photo below*) and were really pleased to see so many people having so much fun.

More recently, the lighting of the Christmas



tree was enjoyed by hundreds of people (I counted), even though the weather left a lot to be desired. This event just seems to get bigger and better with each passing year, and we owe a great big **THANK YOU** to the gala committee and all those involved in these events. The organisers give up a great deal of time for the benefit of our communities, and all their hard work is greatly appreciated.

CHALLENGES STILL REMAIN

However, it's not all good news. Our community still faces many challenges, such as speeding and inconsiderate parking, pressure on our infrastructure, maintenance and protection of existing facilities, all in an environment of ever-increasing costs and never-ending budget cuts.

But we want to assure you that we in the Community Council will continue to monitor all these and take action where possible.

Brian Elder

Chair, Chryston Community Council



FLOWER PLANTERS

Update from NCCV

It probably won't have escaped your attention that over the course of the summer flower planters and hanging baskets appeared in many locations around the village.

These have been placed by Northern Corridor Community Volunteers (NCCV). The funding for these planters came from a variety of sources, including grants and local business sponsorship. Many of our local businesses have not only allowed the placing of the planters but have taken ownership of them in that they provide money for plants, etc.

THANKS FOR ALL THE HARD WORK

On behalf of our community, we'd like to extend a hearty thanks to all those involved in this project for their hard work and generosity. The NCCV give up their own time to make our area a better place to live, often working in poor weather.

The work of the group is wide and varied, if you're interested in finding out more or taking part go to www.facebook.com/groups/NCCVols/

The planters are now planted with spring flowering bulbs, and we all look forward to seeing the results of their labours in the spring.



Kirkintilloch Kelvin Brass
Christmas Concert

With Kirkintilloch
Youth Band

Thursday 14th
December
7.30pm
Chryston Parish
Church
G69 9LA



Tickets available in
advance from
<https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/kirkintilloch-kelvin-brass>
or at the entrance

Tickets £10
Children
under 16 free

POLICE REPORT

Okay, so it's not the most festive news, but Police Scotland continue to provide regular updates.

Figures for the most recent month available, October 2023, are 57 calls in total from the Chryston/Muirhead area, with 8 crimes recorded. These were 5 road traffic offences, 2 cases of vandalism and one theft by housebreaking where cash was stolen.

We're pleased these figures are so low, but we would like to remind everyone, especially at this time of year, to be more vigilant with their property, ensuring everything (vehicles, houses, doors and windows) is locked and secured. And please remember to keep an eye on elderly neighbours, especially in the event of poor weather.

WARM SPACES

St Barbara's church is running a warm space once more for folks to meet and share time together. The church hall will be open to the public on Thursdays (except 28 December) between 12.30 - 3pm. Soup and sandwiches will be provided free of charge.

BEACON FUND

Just a wee reminder that the Beacon Community Fund is available to assist local organisations and groups that require financial assistance for the benefit of our communities in Mount Ellen, Chryston, Muirhead, Crowwood & Mollinsburn. If you wish to apply, request an application form at beacon@chrystoncommunitycouncil.org.uk or visit the community council's webpage, scroll to *about* and then *contact* and leave a message.

GET INVOLVED

We're always keen to get new members, so why not come along to a meeting and see what we do? Meetings are held on the last Monday of each month (except December), in Chryston Parish Church, Main Street, from 7.30-9pm. Everyone is welcome.

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www.chrystoncommunitycouncil.org.uk

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