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Elected Councillors

The four Aberdeenshire Council Ward 13 Councillors named below are exofficio members of the Community Council. They attend the monthly meetings when they can but do not have voting rights. They put articles in Bulletin about current topics (see pages 7 & 8). They are also ex-officio members of two other nearby Community Councils in Ward 13.

Councillor Fatima Joji | Councillor Ron McKail | Councillor Craig Miller |
Councillor Iris Walker

Community Council meetings are held on 2nd Thursday of each month at 7pm in Holiday Inn West, Westhill and are open to all residents of Westhill & District. The agenda is placed in the noticeboard outside Nisa a week before the meeting and posted on the Westhill website www.westhillelrick.org

If you would like to join the meeting remotely a Zoom link can be sent – contact weccsecretx@gmail.com



Chairperson's Report

Hello everyone, welcome to the Summer Bulletin



Funding of Public Services in Aberdeenshire

WECC is extremely concerned with the situation regarding the share of funding which Aberdeenshire Council and NHS Grampian receive from the Government compared to other parts of Scotland. This has been a chronic problem over decades, but it is now becoming apparent that some services are simply unable to meet the reasonable expectations of the public.

Therefore, we carried out a detailed review and assessment of how the funding is shared out. As a result, we strongly believe that the current formula which is used to decide the share of funds is out of date and no longer reflective of the situation in Aberdeenshire and Grampian.

We have subsequently raised our concerns with the other 68 Community Councils in Aberdeenshire and invited them to support us in trying to have the current funding formula reviewed and updated. A Joint Statement was finalised in early February after consultation with all 68 current community councils in Aberdeenshire and after circulation, 34 Community Councils agreed to actively support our campaign. The statement was also submitted to constituency and regional MSPs and they were explicitly asked if they support the aim.

Alex Burnett MSP raised a Parliamentary Motion for a cross-party debate on this issue and this was held on 25th March but attendance appeared to be very low. He made reference to our Joint Statement during his speech.

We are continuing to progress with this very important matter on behalf of the residents of Westhill and the people of Aberdeenshire and we will keep you updated on how our campaign progresses.

Lazy Sunday- 7th June, 2pm-5pm

This popular event, run by Westhill Rotary, returns at Ashdale Hall and field. Expect a lively afternoon with food vans, fairground-style fun, bouncy castles & tombola. Bring your own picnic and refreshments.

WECC will have a stall at Lazy Sunday, look out for the banner flags. We will be highlighting our achievements over the last 6 years or so. The main achievements can be summarized as:-

- Continuing to publish this **Westhill Bulletin** magazine 4 times each year. It generates a healthy surplus which helps us to fund community projects and make donations to local groups (see page XX)
- **Funding Applications:** WECC has made 25 successful funding applications since 2020 to 9 different funding bodies, yielding nearly £0.5m for community projects, mostly improving our green spaces and access to them. The main projects have been conception and implementation of the Westhill Orbital Trail in 2020/21, and conception and implementation of major path network upgrades to Carnie Woods in 2023 and 2026, and Denman Park in 2024.
- **Community Action Plan and Local Place Plan:** consultations and implementation led by WECC
- **Winter Grit Bins:** WECC was the only Community Council in Aberdeenshire that made a case on behalf of its residents for the retention of 76 grit bins under threat of removal

Come along to our stall to find out what else has been keeping us busy, or tell us what changes you would like to see, or if you would like to get involved in making change happen.

Arthur McArthur, WECC Chair
weccchair@gmail.com

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They also met other BBs from across the North of Scotland. Anchors and Juniors also enjoyed a cycling evening at Dunecht.



At our open night all boys shared their experiences of the past session and received their awards. The highlight was Andrew Styles receiving his President's Badge.



The month finished with an assortment of outdoor activities including hillwalking and cycling.

We are now looking forward to our annual summer camp where the boys will be: hill walking, mountain biking, paddleboarding and rock climbing.

Our new session will start in September and we will be delighted to welcome any new starts. Anchor boys (P1 to P3) meet at Trinity church on Friday 6:30 to 7:45 pm, Juniors (P4-6) Westhill Academy 6:30 to 8:00 pm and Company section (P7 upwards) Westhill Academy 6:30 to 9:00pm. If you are interested, please come along and give it a try.

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Celebrating and Recognising our Volunteers

This Volunteers' Week, South West Aberdeenshire Citizens Advice Bureau (SWACAB) celebrated and recognised the dedication, compassion and impact of our volunteers.

Volunteers' Week is a national campaign that shines a light on the remarkable contribution volunteers make to their communities. It is a moment to celebrate and recognise the essential roles volunteers play in supporting people within our community, volunteers strengthening our services and make life changing differences to people's lives and our communities.

Here at SWACAB (an independent local charity), we want to take this moment to say thank you to every volunteer in our bureau. Whether you are an Adviser, Trustee, supporting Administration or social policy or giving a few hours to help with social media - every contribution and every volunteer matters.

It doesn't depend on the number of hours you give or the size of the task. Our services would not exist without you. Volunteers are at the heart of every bureau, offering skill, empathy and steady support to the people who rely on us.

Impact at a Glance

Here in SWACAB our volunteers make an enormous difference every day. We are proud to have 26 volunteers, who together contribute around 350 hours of their time each month. This collective effort means more people can get the advice and support they need, when they need it most. By sharing their skills, compassion and commitment, our volunteers help us reach over 1600 unique clients each year with over 11,500 specific pieces of advice on complex issues such as rising household costs, those navigating complex benefit changes, employment matters, food poverty, utilities, relationships and many more topics. In the last year alone, this Bureau secured £1.5 million of 'client financial gains' for people.

These numbers show the scale of the quantitative impact, the impact we can measure and report on. The impact volunteering has on people's life is powerful, life changing. Providing our clients with essential support at a time of need, offering a sense of hope during difficult times.

Providing opportunities to people to volunteer to develop new skills, confidence and relationships. Here are a few impact quotes from our clients and volunteers, highlighting the difference volunteering has on people's lives.

'I feel as if you have literally saved my life'. Client

'I felt listened to and supported at a time when I was in despair and didn't know where to turn". Thank you.' Client

'Helping to address some of the imbalance in society feels important.' Volunteer Adviser

A huge thank you once again to all our volunteers. Your time, care and commitment make a meaningful and lasting difference to the CAB and our community.

I hope this will inspire others in our community to get involved. Find out more at www.swacab.org.uk or request further information from enquiries@swacab.org.uk

Warm wishes, Grahame Paterson, Chief Officer, South West Aberdeenshire Citizens Advice Bureau



WARD 13 COUNCILLORS



Cllr. Iris Walker



Cllr. Ron McKail



Cllr. Fatima Joji



Cllr. Craig Miller

Local Fire and Rescue Service Encourages Westhill Residents To Book Free Safety Checks

Residents in Westhill are being encouraged to take advantage of free Home Fire Safety Visits, as local fire crews step up efforts to protect those most at risk of fire in the home.

The initiative is aimed at supporting vulnerable households by identifying potential dangers and helping residents reduce their risk. Fire service staff say the visits play a vital role in preventing incidents before they occur, while also offering reassurance and practical advice.

What to Expect During a Visit:

During a Home Fire Safety Visit, trained personnel carry out a detailed check of the property. This includes identifying possible fire hazards, offering guidance on safer bedtime routines, and helping residents create a clear and effective escape plan.

Smoke alarms are also tested to ensure they are working properly. Where needed, alarms may be installed in line with Scottish safety legislation.

In some cases, residents may also be referred to partner organisations for additional support - always with their consent to help address wider safety concerns in the home.

Who Can Apply:

Not all households will require an in-person visit. Residents are first asked to complete an online Home Fire Safety Questionnaire, which helps determine the level of risk.

Those eligible will be offered a visit from the fire service. If a visit is not required, residents will instead receive a personalised Fire Safety Plan, providing tailored advice to improve safety at home.

Looking Out for Others:

Westhill residents can also arrange a visit on behalf of a friend, relative, or neighbour, provided they have permission. This ensures that those who may be less able to seek help themselves can still benefit from the service.

Support for Local Partners:

Local organisations are also being encouraged to continue referring individuals for support. While a new partner portal is expected to launch soon, referrals can still be made by phone in the meantime, ensuring no one misses out on vital assistance.

Fire officials are urging anyone concerned about fire safety—either in their own home or someone else's—not to delay in completing the questionnaire and accessing the support available.

Book a Home Fire Safety Visit at www.firescotland.gov.uk/contact-us/home-fire-safety-visits/

COUNCIL BUDGET

Each year the council must set a balanced budget that reflects the funding available, the essential services Aberdeenshire Council provide, and financial pressures such as inflation.

On 26th February Full Council approved the 2026/27 budget, which outlines how we will invest in local services, communities and infrastructure.

The budget responds to rising demand for services, increasing costs and a growing population, while focusing on protecting the services residents rely on most.

We would like to highlight that further details on the factors which influence council budget setting, service delivery and strategic direction are set out in the “Council budget position white paper” which can be read at the following site- <https://publications.aberdeenshire.gov.uk/council-budget-position-white-paper>

This document paints the picture of changing demography, reducing income, increasing costs and workforce pressures which result in the council, like every other council in Scotland, being forced to reflect on how they work and what their role is for the future. The detailed document illustrates the position facing the public sector, with a specific focus on the changing face of the council.

ELRICK PRIMARY SCHOOL GROUNDS

At a recent parent council meeting, attendees raised concerns about a number of issues regarding school grounds. When walking near the school grounds, please be mindful of the spaces that are specifically intended for school children and staff use only. If walking dogs, please keep them on a lead at all times and away from the open spaces designated for school use. This of course would apply to all schools in the area.

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Surgeries

Cllr Iris Walker holds her surgeries on the first Saturday of most months at Westhill Library from 10.00-11.00. The next surgeries are scheduled for Saturday 6th June and Saturday 5th September.

Cllr Craig Miller and Cllr Ron McKail hold joint surgeries on the second Saturday of most months at Westhill Library from 10.00 to 11.00. The next surgeries are scheduled for Saturday 13 June and Saturday 12th September.

No appointments are necessary, but to avoid waiting time you can contact us ahead of time to book a specific time if that is more convenient for you.

Cllr Joji is available to meet residents and can be contacted through the channels indicated below to arrange a time and a location that is convenient for you.

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We have had a busy few months with a variety of events and activities.

In March, 14 of our young people and two leaders performed in the Aberdeen Scout Gang Show at Aberdeen Arts Centre. It was a terrific show and it was a delight to see so many Westhill faces on stage. BRAVO to them all.

In May, 20 of our Scouts headed to Hopetoun House in Edinburgh for Scouts Adventure Camp. They joined over 700 scouts from across Scotland for three days of fun activities such as high ropes, bushcraft, kayaking, paddle boarding and mountain biking. Everyone had a fantastic time.

That same weekend our Beavers and Cubs attended the Gordon District Beaver and Cub Fun days at Daviot scout camp site near Oldmeldrum. Each section enjoyed a tremendous day of activities including archery, crate climbing, paracording, backwoods cooking, bouncy castle and den building.

Attending these great events is only possible through the dedication of our adult volunteers.

Are you interested in helping young people develop new skills?

Are you studying, or thinking about studying to become a teacher, and would like to gain further experience?

Or perhaps your own children are older and are now less reliant on you.

Westhill is one of the biggest scout groups in the area however we are in urgent need of additional adult volunteers.

Volunteering with Beavers, Cubs and Scouts is very rewarding. Your time and skills can make a big impact and help young people develop confidence and resilience.

If you want to help give young people memorable experiences, a #PlaceToBelong and #SkillsForLife, please email volunteer@1stwesthillscouts.co.uk

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To enquire about hiring, please email the booking secretary - milnehallbookings@gmail.com

Future Events: Further evenings with music artists are planned.

Past Events: All who attended the Film "The ballad of Wallis Island" followed by live music on 14th March, and also The " Sorries" live music on 9th May enjoyed these evenings.

Regular activities:

- Jazzercise, every Monday and Wednesday 9:45-10:45am and also Wednesday 6.30-7.30pm
- Westhill Sooyang Do martial art group hold classes for children and adults on Monday and Wednesday evenings. Phone Chief Instructor Dave Bremner: 07970 188825.
- Skene Youth Club for Primary 1 - 7, Thursday evenings 6 - 7pm, October to April.
- Alba Black Belt Academies - age 3 to adult. Held on Wednesday afternoons. Call 07818 200371 for details.
- Baby Sensory -Thursday mornings
- Mindful Movement with Qigong, Tuesday 7pm till 8pm and occasional weekend dates.
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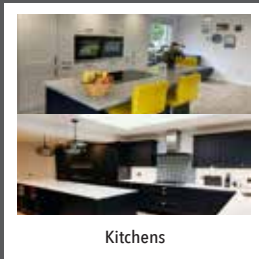


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SPEAR physiotherapy are delighted to be supporting The Aberdeen half marathon.

If you're preparing to run The Aberdeen half marathon or any other running event, injuries can quickly disrupt your progress and plans.

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Top 5 Running Injuries & How to Manage Them

None of the below is a substitute for assessment — if something's persisting beyond 7–10 days, get it checked early. Running injuries love being ignored.

1. Runner's knee (patellofemoral pain)

What it feels like: an ache around or under the kneecap, worse downhill, on stairs, after sitting. First-line fix: reduce aggravating volume, add strength work for glutes and quads (step-ups, split squats, wall sits), check cadence. Physio can fast-track this considerably.

2. Achilles tendinopathy

What it feels like: morning stiffness, thickening of the tendon, pain at the start of runs that sometimes warms up. First-line fix: don't rest completely. Progressive calf loading (heavy slow resistance or isometric holds) is the evidence-based treatment. Avoid sudden hill spikes. See a physio — recovery is faster with a structured plan.

3. ITB syndrome

What it feels like: sharp lateral knee pain that kicks in at a predictable distance each run. First-line fix: cut volume, strengthen hip abductors

and external rotators, check running form. Foam rolling helps symptoms short-term but isn't the cure.

4. Plantar fasciopathy

What it feels like: sharp heel pain with the first few steps out of bed. First-line fix: calf & foot loading (heel raises with a rolled towel under the toes), avoid barefoot in the morning, supportive shoes. Don't just stretch it — load it.

5. Shin splints (medial tibial stress syndrome)

What it feels like: diffuse ache along the inner shin, usually early in a training block or after a surface/volume change. First-line fix: temporary reduction in volume, calf & tibialis posterior strength, check shoes, rule out bone stress injury if pain is focal. If you can pinpoint a tender spot on bone — get it imaged.

The common thread: don't train through it, don't Google forever, and don't wait. The earlier we see it, the smaller the detour.

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Westhill Green Spaces Team Update

Once the February rains stopped and the sun returned to our universe, the team of volunteers finally got to work.

Denman Park & Arnhall Moss pruning



Team members clearing the pond bank of chippings

Following a meeting with the Council's local Landscape Services team leaders, we agreed that our team would do most of the pruning and trimming – although not the azaleas or the conifers on the bank of the pond – leaving the Council's team to chip the prunings back into the planted borders. These chippings have since been spread around the borders in recent weeks by our team to help suppress the weeds.

Mains of Kinmundy Hill tree planting



Team members planting Scots Pine

Thanks to a free offer from Cairngorm Bothies, we harvested a small batch of 20 Scots Pine saplings from their woodland near Tarland and transplanted them on to Mains of Kinmundy Hill.

Lawsondale path works



Team members involved in laying drainage channel and reinforcing the path surface

In April, the team fitted a drainage channel under the path on the south side of the burn to relieve the path of surface water. Other sections were reinforced with quarry stone and dust to improve underfoot conditions.

Carnie Woods boardwalk removal

By the time you read this, our contractor should have completed work to remove the old rotted boardwalk and replaced it with quarry stone on a supportive layer of membrane. This was all thanks to a very generous private donation to WECC plus a significant contribution from the landowner [Aberdeen City Council].

Town Centre Litter Picks

Up to the end of April, there were four community litter picks organised by WECC. These are scheduled to take place on the second and fourth Saturday mornings of each month, subject to reasonable weather, starting at 10am from Denman Park pavilion for up to an hour. All kit provided.

Please come along if you can. It's surprisingly enjoyable.

More generally, if you are thinking about outdoor volunteering, but not sure exactly what's involved, please send an email to Mervyn or Gordon and we'll be happy to give you a call. Thank you

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Website : www.westhillwalkers.org

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| Upcoming walks this summer – for more information and to put your name down please contact : westhillwalkers@gmail.com | |
| 7 June | Ben Macdui from Aviemore 17km (11 miles) A Walk |
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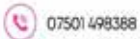
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We've enjoyed entertainment from Right Here productions; painted some glassware with F & L; had 2 ponies visiting; Donald Grassie and friends (Scottish music and stories); Lucy Beth (Scottish Poetry and songs); Garioch Fiddlers; and hopefully we'll have just been on a bus trip to Alford/meal at the Shepherds Rest on the 28th May

Our last session will be on Thursday 11th June with the Group of Men "All at C Club" – who play guitar and other instruments.

We re-start on Thursday 3rd September 2026 and run fortnightly thereafter.

While dial a bus is still able to bring the seniors to the meetings we have managed to hire Westhill minibus to take people home.

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GARLOGIE HALL



A new website has been launched for the hall and is now live at garlogiehall.org.uk. The site provides a single, convenient place to see what is happening at the hall, check upcoming events, and make booking enquiries.

Garlogie Hall continues to be run by a small volunteer management committee on behalf of the local community. In recent months, our work has focused on maintaining and improving the building, while we actively explore funding opportunities to support future energy-efficiency improvements.

Community activity has remained strong. The fortnightly Community Café continues to be a popular fixture, bringing people together and supporting several local charities through donations. This year, the café also made a donation towards the travel costs of five bowlers from the Garlogie Indoor Bowling Club, who proudly represented Scotland at the Short Mat Bowls World Championships in Norway. The bowling club, who are resident at the hall, has enjoyed a highly successful 2025/26 season, with fantastic achievements in local, national, and international competitions.

The management committee recently held its second fundraiser of the year, a bingo night at The Ashvale in Inverurie. A huge thank you to everyone who supported this event, which followed the ever-popular Burns Night held at the hall earlier in the year. Our Annual General Meeting (AGM) also took place this May, and we extend our thanks to everyone who attended and shared their views.

The management committee always welcomes new volunteers and fresh ideas to help ensure the hall remains a sustainable, active, and vibrant asset for the community. Contact us at fitlike@garlogiehall.org.uk, or for the latest updates, event listings, and booking information, please visit our new website.

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FUNDRAISING

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LAZY SUNDAY

This year is Sunday 7th June in the afternoon run by the Rotary club of Westhill.

CRAFT FAIR

There will be a Christmas Craft Fair with a wide range of crafts and foodstuffs on Sunday 29th November 10am-4pm with a raffle and free entry.

MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

The current Management Committee have been in control of the Hall for 8 years and we are always interested in taking on new members for the Charity running of the Hall as the future of the Hall could be at risk.

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We really need the support of the local community for the Market to be able to continue and to expand as stalls will only come back if more local people come.

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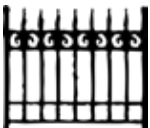
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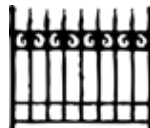
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0930 to 1015 – Mat-work Pilates – Main Hall - Block booking required**
 1030 to 1115 – Mat-work Pilates – Main Hall - Block booking required**
 1130 to 1225 – Zumba Gold – Main Hall – 07891000836 or 07703012273
 1300 to 1500 - Abricabeats – Main Hall - 07960443299
 1530 to 1730 – **Free to book for classes or Badminton/Pickleball**
 1745 to 1830 - Mat-work Pilates – Main Hall – Block booking required**
 1845 to 1930 – Mat-work Pilates – Main Hall – Block booking required**
 1945 to 2045 – Badminton (private term time) - Main Hall

Tuesday

0800 to 0930 – **Free to book for classes or Badminton/Pickleball**
 1000 to 1200 – Pickleball (private) – Main Hall
 1230 to 1530 – **Free to book for classes or Badminton/Pickleball**
 1545 to 1745 – Baby Ballet – Main Hall
 1815 to 1915 - Choi Kwang Do - Main Hall – hello@westhillckd.org
 1930 to 2045 – Badminton (private) – Main Hall

Wednesday

0915 to 1000 – Zumba Gold– 07703012273 or 07891000836 – Main Hall
 1030 to 1130 – Singing Debonaires – Ainslee Gill – Main Hall - 07723632777
 1145 to 1315 - **Free to book for classes or Badminton/Pickleball**
 1330 to 1430 – Badminton – Main Hall – New Ladies welcome
 1515 to 1715 - Champs Kids Club – MR1
 1600 to 1700 – Pam Dignan Dancers - Main Hall
 1730 to 1845 - Kuk Sool Won – Main Hall - 07983981172
 1915 to 2045 – Line Dancing – Main Hall – (term time)

Thursday

0900 to 0945 – Mat-work Pilates – Main Hall – Block booking required**
 1000 to 1045 – Mat-work Pilates – Main Hall – Block booking required**
 1100 to 1745 – **Free to book for classes or Badminton/Pickleball**
 1600 to 1700 – Kids Spanish Lessons – MR1 – claudia@spanishstarescocia.com
 1800 to 1900 - Choi Kwang Do - Main Hall – hello@westhillckd.org
 1915 to 2115 – Badminton – Main Hall – Spaces available for players
 1915 to 2045 – 3rd Week-Soul Sisters Women Circle – MR1 – westhillsoulsisters@gmail.com

Friday

0830 to 0915 - Mat-work Pilates – Main Hall - block booking required**
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Sunday

1000 to 1300 – Higher Ground Assembly – Main Hall

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- All money raised through Skene Fundraising Committee will remain in this area for Macmillan Cancer Support.
- **Saturday 24th October 2026** we will be celebrating our 50th Anniversary, please keep a look out on our facebook page for an announcement about tickets (May 9th) for a fundraising event at Thainstone Exchange.

Our other events since the last Bulletin:-

- The Quiz at Dunecht Hall on Friday 27th February raised a fantastic £1710.83 .
- We supported Modelfest at Thainstone and raised £2889.90.
- Fizzy Flycup , Skene Hall Saturday 9th May.
- A Stand at Echt Show on Saturday 11th July come and visit us.
- Our Coffee Morning will be held at Lyne of Skene Hall 10am-12noon on Saturday 26th September.
- A Bingo Night at the Ashvale at Inverurie in November please see facebook nearer the time.
- All other events will be posted on our Facebook Page.
- Please follow us on facebook: Macmillan Cancer Support Skene Fundraising Committee to read about these events and future events. In addition we do place Posters around Westhill with the next upcoming event/s.

To donate to Macmillan Skene Fundraising Committee go to :-www.macmillan-org.enthuse.com

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WESTHILL BOWLING CLUB



2026 is a significant milestone in the history of Westhill Bowling Club as we mark our fortieth anniversary. It has been forty years of bowling success in local, national and international competitions. Westhill players have had Scottish international recognition, and our players regularly feature for the Bon Accord representative teams in significant numbers. We continue to look forward to the future and continued success in the years ahead.

The 2026 outdoor bowling season started on 18th April with our 2025 junior champion, Samuel Noble throwing the first jack to signify the green was open for play.

We got some sunshine and twenty-four members took advantage of the weather to hold an opening day triples competition. There would have been a winner but, to be honest, we were all just glad of the opportunity to play some bowls outdoors and then enjoy some tea and cake that nobody paid any real attention to the scores.

The green was really playing well for the early time of the season. It came through the winter relatively unscathed partly due to the mild, but wet, winter, felling of some of the surrounding trees and other environmental factors. But there is no substitute for hard work, and we are appreciative of the efforts that our Green Team put in throughout the year to ensure the quality of the surface we play on. The area of the green is 1,330 square meters. Compare that with the area of your own garden and it, perhaps, puts into perspective the job that has to be done. Incidentally, the level of the whole green doesn't vary by plus or minus 3 mm across the entire area, which I find quite incredible.

We are now well into the season with a whole range of club competitions, friendly matches and interclub competitions stretching out in front of us until the season closes in September.

Westhill Bowling Club has the honour of providing the president of the Bon Accord Bowling Association for 2026 and our member, David Cobban-Shaw, is fulfilling that roll. Congratulations to David and we all wish him every success for his year in office.

It will mean that we, as a club, have some extra activities on the green as we host the final stages of the Bon Accord competitions involving all sixteen member clubs.

We are fortunate that so many of our members pitch in with maintenance, catering activities, looking after the surrounding areas and the 1001 other things that need to be done to help in making David's year and our fortieth birthday a time to remember.

If you want to join us, just come along and try bowls for yourself. We have plenty of equipment available for you to use and there is no charge. There is no age limit.

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We are always happy to welcome new members
or guests who might wish to learn more about
gardening and nature related activities in the wider
area.

During June we will have our tattie in a bucket
weigh in. Date TBA

Wednesday 1st July – a visit to Pine Tree Cottage
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August – We are on holiday.

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Your local medical charity, Camphill Wellbeing Trust, is excited to announce further progress towards Phase 3 of its Compass Project: Sustainable refurbishment of the former Science block and Kindergarten buildings on its site at Craigton Road, Cults to create a new East Point Health & Enterprise Hub.



Preparatory work has been going on during Winter. Vacant buildings have been stripped back in readiness for new insulation, heating, lighting and fitting out. Architects' plans have been drawn up, and a planning application has been lodged (March 2026).

Our vision is to create a welcoming multi-use space, open to all, to enhance and expand our activities focussing on healthy and sustainable living. The hub will house an organic café and play café linked to a zero-waste training kitchen providing healthy and delicious café food using produce from our own gardens. A large craft room will offer a range of heritage craft and upcycle activities whilst children's items will be a focus of our charity shop space. There will be a dedicated volunteer hub as well as offices, modern toilets and baby change facilities.

The projected costs are around £880k and our fundraising for this is ongoing. If you'd like to find out more, get involved or help us, please contact compass@cwt.scot or 01224 678830.

We hope that this significant investment to support the health and wellbeing of the local and wider community of Aberdeen will enable us to expand and further develop our activities.

In the meantime, come along to our monthly Free Family Friendly events on the first Saturday of each month or volunteer with us on Wednesdays and Thursdays each week.

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We held another of our regular tool sales in March which raised over £1,900 towards shed funds. Thanks are due to all Sheddors who helped on the day and our customers for continuing to support us in this way.

The SheShed has been busy making bug hotel kits for the Westhill Anchor Boys, and in February the boys came back to the shed to construct their hotels using the kits provided. The hotels were filled with moss, cones and bark, with a few beasties thrown in for good measure.



Now that summer is almost on us, thoughts have returned to planning our annual barbecue (please let us have sunshine!) and an outside visit somewhere yet to be determined.

We are still in the process of moving to a more modern email system but meantime limping along with the old. Please continue to have

patience if you don't receive an immediate reply. Or perhaps drop in and chat to one of the Sheddors to make sure we get your message.

Remember, if the Shed is open, the kettle will always be hot.

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There are 6 different pace groups completing various distances from 5K to 10K, ensuring that there really is something for everyone. If you are a beginner all we ask is that you can walk briskly for 30 minutes. If you are already a regular runner, you'll find plenty of running buddies in our different pace groups.

We provide a friendly, supportive atmosphere where no one is left behind.

C25K

The club organises a 10-week Learn to Run programme, "Couch to 5K (C25K)". The latest one started in January and culminated in the participants successfully completing the Balmoral 5K run in April.

Our next Couch to 5K programme is planned for late August. We do not have a confirmed start date yet so please keep an eye on our social media for updates, including how to sign up and what to expect.

We have also started a 5K to 10K training plan with an enthusiastic group aiming to run a 10K event.

Other Activities

Many of our members have recently participated in CPR and defibrillator training, that was kindly provided by the Westhill Defibrillator Group at the Broadstrait Inn.

Over the Summer we enjoy several runs at the Dunecht Estate and elsewhere. We also have social



events and many members choose to run individually or in groups in organised events. These vary from 5K parkruns to 10K, half-marathons, marathons and ultras in a variety of locations including Hazlehead, Aberdeen, Balmoral, Edinburgh, Glasgow, Inverness, London, Newcastle, Copenhagen, Helsinki and Dubrovnik to name but a few!

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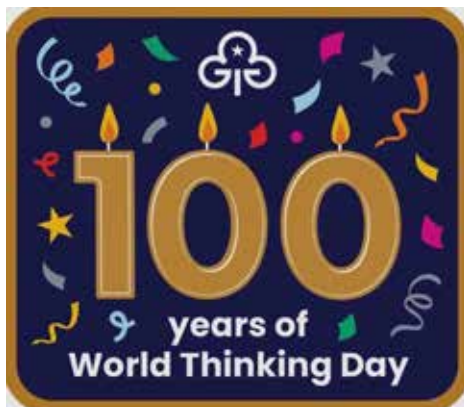
Westhill Girl Guides

A Big Thank You from Westhill Girl Guides.

We are grateful to everyone who took the time to vote in March and April, at Tesco blue coin box. The amount we are gifted will give us a much-needed boost and help with all the fun and adventures for Rainbows right through to Rangers (ages 4-18).

We had a fantastic celebration back in February, for our centennial Thinking Day. We celebrated with a big party and lots of crafts.

Fun Days and opportunities to all come together are what it's all about. Our District Campfire is coming up in June, at Crathes Castle. Fingers crossed for good weather, so we don't have soggy S'mores.



County Camp will be running in Summer for a week, a great opportunity for girls and volunteers to try new things and share adventures.

In the distant future, though it will likely creep up at an astonishing speed, we have UK wide event, the BIG GIG at Wembley Stadium in October.

All these things, and many more are only possible with the time and dedication of the volunteers who hope to make a positive impact on girls' lives.

If you fancy getting involved, with admin, organising behind the scenes or even taking on a unit (all training is provided) then please get in touch, email westhilldc@gmail.com





Everyone is welcome to join us for any of our services and meetings. Sunday morning worship is at 10.30 am, followed by refreshments. If you are unable to attend in person, please feel free to join us online, or follow the service later via our YouTube channel. Full details and links can be found at www.westhillcommunitychurch.org

Our Minister



Our minister, Dave McCarthy, has a passion to serve the local community, but above all to share the love of Jesus Christ and to let everyone know that they are welcomed by God. He can often be found in his office at the church with the door open, so please feel free to drop in! Dave can also be contacted at dave@westhillcommunitychurch.org

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Encouraging wider involvement through our Publicity, Newsletters, Social Media and Advertising through our website, is also very important to us - www.frht.org.uk and we also operate a Men's Shed. The Trust has a unique collection of Victorian Railway Carriages – Locomotives and Wagons dating from the dawn of the Railway Age and several of these are currently under restoration by Volunteers.

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Contacts can be found on our website, but if necessary you can call –

Jon Tyler on 07799333476, or

Gordon Simpson on 07818130517 (01224 749914) for any further information.



WESTHILL GOLF CLUB

The golf season is now well underway, with competitions across all sections proving as popular as ever. If you're looking to get back into golf or join a new club, we'd be delighted to hear from you. Please visit our website (westhillgolf.co.uk), follow us on Facebook (Westhill Golf Club), or contact us at office@westhillgolfclub.co.uk for more information.

Our greens team has now transitioned into full summer operations as the course continues to thrive in the improved weather. A new fleet of mowers has recently been introduced, supporting the team's ongoing efforts to enhance course quality and playing conditions.

We have several Open competitions throughout the season dates of these are as follows;

- Saturday 30th May 2026 – Gents Stableford Open
- Thursday 18th June 2026 – Senior Gents Stableford Open
- Saturday 8th August 2026 – Gents Strokeplay Open
- Saturday 26th September 2026 – Gents Stableford Open

For further details of these please look on our website.

The Ladies' Section will be hosting a Midsummer Afternoon Tea on 20 June, complete with DJ entertainment. Lady members and social members are welcome to attend and bring guests—further details will be shared soon.

We pride ourselves on having a welcoming and supportive Ladies' Section, offering opportunities for golfers of all levels—from competitive play to relaxed rounds with friends. We are also running a "Ladies Get into Golf" five-week coaching programme for beginners starting on 26th May—an excellent way to try the sport in a friendly environment.

Our catering partner, Mackenzies at Westhill Golf Club, has been a fantastic addition since March, with members enjoying a wide range of dining options. Keep an eye on social media for updates on new menus, Fresh Fish Fridays, carveries, and themed evenings. Non-members are reminded that a social membership (just £10 for this year) allows access to the clubhouse and all catering facilities.

We look forward to welcoming you to Westhill Golf Club throughout the summer—home to some of the best beer garden views in Westhill!

John Mitchell
Club Captain

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The next round of donations will be considered in October 2026. Closing date for applications is 2nd October.

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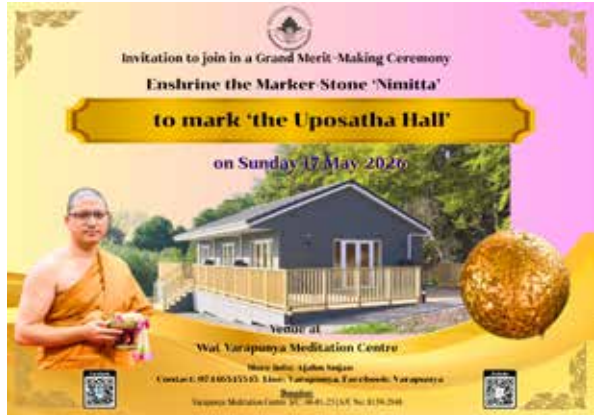


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Meditation Centre

Historic Milestone: The First Uposatha Hall in Scotland

A major milestone in the growth of Buddhism and spread of Mindfulness Meditation in Scotland has been achieved with the successful consecration of the new Uposatha Hall at Varapunya Meditation Centre. The historic ceremony, held on 16-17 May, marks the establishment of one of the first fully consecrated Theravāda Buddhist Uposatha Halls in Scotland and stands as a symbol of faith, unity, and compassion for people of all backgrounds.

Founded in 2012 the centre began as a small meditation venue dedicated to sharing mindfulness practices with local communities in Aberdeen. Through years of perseverance, generosity, and volunteer effort the centre gradually developed into a respected spiritual sanctuary serving people from many cultures, faiths, and walks of life.



The completion of the Uposatha Hall represents far more than the construction of a building. In the Theravāda tradition, the Uposatha Hall is the spiritual heart of the monastic community, where sacred ceremonies such as ordinations, communal recitations, and formal monastic acts are conducted in accordance with the (Vinaya) tradition. Its establishment firmly roots the Buddha's teachings in Scotland and ensures the continuation of Buddhist practice for future generations.

The centre has become widely known for promoting mindfulness, mental wellbeing, and intercultural understanding through meditation programs, educational outreach, interfaith dialogue, and partnerships with local organisations, including healthcare services and schools. It offers all free and the centre runs through generous donations.

Ajahn Sujan, the abbot resident monk expressed deep gratitude to all supporters who contributed to the project through donations, volunteer labour, encouragement, and acts of kindness. "This hall belongs to everyone," he said. "You don't have to be a Buddhist to practice meditation. It is a place where people of every nationality, religion, and background can come together to cultivate peace, wisdom, and compassion."

The new meditation hall also reflects the growing interest in mindfulness and contemplative practice in Western society. Over the years, Varapunya has provided meditation retreats, public teachings, and mindfulness training aimed at reducing stress, improving mental wellbeing, and fostering inner peace. The centre's welcoming atmosphere has allowed many local residents to encounter Buddhist teachings in a practical and accessible way.

Community leaders described the new Uposatha Hall as a "beacon of peace" and a symbol of the positive contribution faith communities can make to society. Built through collective generosity and shared vision, the hall now stands as a lasting sanctuary for spiritual practice, education, and community harmony in Scotland.

With the completion of this historic project, Varapunya Meditation Centre looks toward to the future with renewed commitment to spreading wisdom, compassion, and peace for generations to come.

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To everyone who trusted me with their lessons, their confidence, and my heart rate: thank you. It's been an honour helping so many people find their independence on the road — even if some of you tried to get there in second gear... the whole journey.

Now, rumours of my disappearance have been slightly exaggerated.

I'll still be continuing with all my current learners until they've taken their tests — so if you're already buckled in for the ride, don't panic, we're seeing this through together! After that, I'll be easing off the accelerator and enjoying retirement... at a sensible speed, of course.

So if you spot me in the passenger seat, gripping the door handle like I'm on a roller coaster, feel free to give me a wave — ideally after stopping the car.

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Experts believe that tennis's unique blend of physical, cognitive and social challenges contribute to healthy ageing.

For one, tennis offers a full-body workout. The game also demands quick changes in direction, which can help improve balance and reduce a person's risk of falls. Research suggests that playing regularly can also improve bone density, strengthening the body against fractures.

In tennis, you also alternate between intense bursts of movement and brief periods of recovery - a structure that mimics interval training and can efficiently improve your fitness.

Beyond the physical effort, the sport is also cognitively demanding and intrinsically social, two factors that are crucial to longevity.

Many other sports exercise your brain and buffer against isolation, but people who play tennis also tend to stick with it later into life compared with other sports. After all, you need only one partner, and it's relatively gentle on the body.

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The firm continued to be involved in the residential and commercial expansion of Westhill and has seen Westhill develop from a small rural hamlet into the Garden Suburb of Westhill and, following rapid expansion resulting from the oil and gas boom in the 1970's and 80's, into today's large and thriving family town and commercial centre with excellent recreational and leisure facilities providing a superb living environment.

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Improving the lives of people with neurodivergent conditions or additional support needs

Grass cutters wanted!

We need help to keep on top of the grass cutting in our garden so we can do lots of outdoor activities this summer. We have a mower - we just need some manpower!

Get in touch if you are available to help (no regular commitment needed!)

volunteering@sensationall.org.uk

In April & May we held...

- **10** children's play and activity sessions
- **29** teen/young adult social groups
- **8** adult groups
- **6** support, advisory and training sessions for parents and carers

Demand for our services continues to grow and we have a busy summer ahead, so please get in touch if you can help us fundraise or if you can volunteer.

Donate your unwanted plant pots!

Our team are planning some fun gardening activities over the next few weeks and are in need of **9cm plant pots** to pot seedlings into.

Drop off your donations Mon-Thu 9.30am until 5pm at The Old Schoolhouse.



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We have just enjoyed a very busy, but hugely beneficial Spring season at the Hall. Our monthly "Bide A While" coffee mornings continue to prove highly popular and now incorporates our fully subscribed "200 Club" Live Draw. These mornings will continue between 10.30am and 2.30pm on the last Saturday of each month, with our May event running in tandem with a Bring & Buy Plant Sale.

We hosted the first of our proposed biannual Quiz Nights, and local Scots/Irish folk band "Poteen" provided a superb evening of laughter and entertainment. Tickets for both events were sold out, proving that the will and the interest is there, and that the preservation of the Hall facilities is still of huge potential benefit to the community – young and old.



We also hosted our very first "Clothes Swap" event, whilst our chairperson Kerry featured on "River Dee Radio" for an abbreviated version of "Desert Island Discs".

Meanwhile, our ongoing refurbishment plans continue with all our toilet areas receiving a welcome refresh.

We are already planning our post-summer events, including another quiz night, more live music and our second Fashion Show, so please check out the ticketing and event details which will be posted on our Facebook page.

Are you looking for a venue for your next party, quiz night, coffee morning or fayre, or perhaps for somewhere to run a series of classes? If so, please add Lyne of Skene Village Hall to your list of possibilities. Located all on one floor, it comprises one large hall and one smaller hall, along with accessible toilet facilities. The redecorated small hall incorporates kitchen facilities and a coal fire for the cooler times of the year. In addition, both halls are fitted with wall-mounted heaters, whilst trestle tables and seating are plentiful. On-site car parking is also available for about 20 vehicles.

Our Hall hire rates remain highly competitive and attractive:

- Main Hall - £20 p/hr (private hire rate) or £30 p/hr (business hire rate);
- Small Hall - £10 p/hr (private hire rate) or £20 p/hr (business hire rate);
- Both Halls - £30 p/hr (private hire rate) or £50 p/hr (business hire rate).

The new Committee aim to run as a non-profit organisation, with all monies raised going towards the continued upkeep, licensing and insuring of the Hall for public benefit.

Future fundraising events and a list of current classes/activities can be found on our Facebook page - Lyne of Skene Village Hall. Booking enquiries can be made via lyneofskenehall@gmail.com.

Aberdeen Macular Society

Have you received a diagnosis of Macular Degeneration? If so, we would like to highlight that we have a friendly Macular Society Support Group in Aberdeen and would welcome new members coming along to join us.

Meetings are held on the third Friday each month from 10.30 – 12 noon at North East Sensory Services (NESS), 21 John Street, Aberdeen AB21 1BT.

The meetings are open to anyone affected by central vision loss. Family, friends and carers welcome.

Contact: Volunteer & Group Support 01264 560259 or Flora Buthley 07341 259165

WESTHILL - BIKE CLUB -



After the changing of the clocks, organised club rides have been very well attended. The weekly Wednesday night ride has had old and new members alike coming along to enjoy the company, getting out in the fresh air and working on fitness levels. The longer weekend rides allow for the much sought after coffee and cake stop. We are always optimistic for sunshine while out riding.

Club rides depart from either Westhill Community Church on Old Skene Road or outside Greggs, Westhill Shopping Centre. We have an active Facebook page where we share pictures of our adventures and social rides and information about social events, but ride details are shared with members via the Spond app.

Westhill Bike Club will have a stand at the Westhill Rotary Lazy Sunday Afternoon which is

to be held on 7th of June 2-5pm. Come and say hi to us, we are a friendly bunch.

If you would like to join us on one of the rides, please feel free to contact us on info@westhillbikeclub.com. Nobody gets left behind; rides are no-drop with regroupings and plenty of encouragement. Why not come along for a taster session, complete beginners and experienced cyclists are welcome.

We are looking forward to many sunny sociable miles of cycling this summer and of course, the cake stop!

If you would like any more information about the club, you can find us at www.westhillbikeclub.com, on Facebook or email us info@westhillbikeclub.com

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Dr. Narra continued, "We know that some people feel a bit nervous about coming back to a dentist and may not have been for a couple of years given the pandemic. We are lucky to have a great & friendly team of receptionist and nurses, therefore we can offer as much support as possible. At our Smile clinic, we offer intravenous sedation on a private basis, which many patients find helpful, particularly when getting implants, multiple restorations or during an extraction.



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Cutting Through the Holiday Headlines



Every year there seems to be a new reason not to travel. While the headlines can feel overwhelming, the reality is usually far calmer. Most holidays still go ahead smoothly, and my clients come home with memories, not horror stories. With so much noise around travel now, I thought it would be helpful, as your local travel expert, to clarify a couple of key points.

EES & Delays

EES (the new EU Entry/Exit System) is a good example. It will change how British travellers are processed at some European borders and may cause longer queues at first. But it is a planned system, with airports and ports preparing well in advance. Choosing the right flight times, allowing sensible check-in and security windows, and knowing what to expect at the border all help enormously. I take time to talk my customers through how they are likely to be affected, suggest the best timings to avoid the worst of the queues, and highlight destinations that are handling the changes more smoothly. Some countries have even indicated they will not implement the new system for British passport holders initially.



Jet Fuel & Flight Cancellations

You may also have seen stories about jet fuel shortages. The UK government has confirmed that UK airlines are not reporting shortages, and fuel is purchased well in advance to keep operations running smoothly. Before an airline cancels flights, it will usually look at consolidating services where there are multiple departures to the same destination on the same day.

If your flight is cancelled, you are entitled to a full refund for the flight. If you have booked a financially protected package, you will receive a refund of the full holiday cost, including hotels, transfers and other included elements. If you have booked everything yourself separately, you may only be refunded for the cancelled flight, and non-refundable hotel bookings do not have to give your money back.

Every year the story changes, but the pattern is the same: a big scare in the media, followed by millions of people who go on holiday, relax and come back smiling. The difference is not luck, it is planning.

If you are hearing worrying stories about EES, delays, fuel shortages or surcharges, please do not let them put you off. Get in touch for calm, friendly, local advice and let me help you plan a holiday that is realistic, reassuring and full of the joy that travel is meant to bring.

You will find my contact details in the advert on page 57

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Open: Tuesdays 10am–7pm, Wednesdays 10am–7pm, Thursdays 10am–6pm, Saturdays 9am–1pm

Coming Soon!

SUMMER READING CHALLENGE 2026

The Summer Reading Challenge is for everyone who loves to read or who would like to read more. Running from 1st June until 31st August, the challenge is for children, young adults, families, adults, friends and groups. To get started, pick up or download a collector's card. You'll receive a stamp for each book read or listened to and each library event attended. Submit your card to be in with a chance to win book bundles, signed books and gift cards.

SUMMER OF PLAY

Join us for a Summer of Play over the school holidays. We'll be running activities for children of all ages such as crafting, storytelling, coding sessions and Bookbug. Details and booking information will be available on our website soon.

WHEN FICTION BECOMES FACT

With online threats increasing, it's important to stay safe online. Over the coming months, Aberdeenshire libraries will deliver a programme of free events providing practical guidance to help you navigate today's online world. Keep an eye on our website and Facebook page for details of specific events.

You can find details of all our activities on the Live Life Aberdeenshire website.

Staff Picks

Looking for inspiration? Check out the books the library staff are currently reading.



Westhill Writers Forum

Would you like to write a novel, short story or memoir but don't know how? Trying to plot a story but can't get it onto paper or screen? For these and other questions, join the free WWF meetings at the library on Wednesdays from 5–7pm.

The group investigate topics of the craft, discuss works in progress, provide writing prompts and encourage you to write more, write better and to gain greater enjoyment from writing.

All welcome, just come along.

Thanks to One Seed Forward who provided our customers with 280 packets of vegetable seeds and 26kg of seed potatoes. Happy growing!

Contact Info

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T: 01224 472871
W: livelifeaberdeenshire.org.uk/libraries/

Community Spirit in Westhill

Our regular litter picks are going strong, with volunteers collecting huge amounts of rubbish from paths and shared spaces across Westhill. It's a real team effort—but we can't do it alone. If everyone plays their part by binning waste or taking it home, we can keep Westhill the clean, welcoming place we all enjoy.

What's Coming Up?



Lazy Sunday

Our much-loved Lazy Sunday is back on Sunday 7th June, from 2–5pm at Ashdale Hall and field. Come along for a relaxed afternoon packed with fun! Including tasty food vans, fairground-style games, bouncy castles, and a tombola. Bring a picnic, your favourite drinks, and enjoy a great day out with family and friends.

Treasure Hunt

Kick off your Lazy Sunday with a 9am Family Treasure Hunt—a fun 6km walk around Westhill starting and finishing at Ashdale Hall. Great for families, especially younger members. £3 per person, with proceeds supporting local Rotary charities.

Rotaract Aberdeen - Westhill Colour Run 2026

We're back on 7th June for another fun, colourful run at Westhill Academy Field, alongside the Lazy Sunday Afternoon event. Enjoy a 1.5km course with obstacles and colour zones—perfect for all ages and fitness levels.

Bring your friends and family! Open to everyone, the event raises funds for Cardiac Risk in the Young

(CRY) and Westhill & District Community Sport and Leisure Hub. (CRY) and Westhill & District Community Sport and Leisure Hub.

Tickets are on sale here: <https://buytickets.at/rotaractclubofaberdeen/216148>



Bingo Night

Looking for a fun evening out? Join us for Westhill Rotary's Prize Bingo Night on Saturday 13th June at Ashdale Hall. Doors open at 7pm for a 7.30pm start. •£5 entry (includes your first game) •Tea and coffee at the break •Extra bingo books available •Soft drinks bar (feel free to bring your own alcohol)

There are fantastic bingo and raffle prizes. Pick up your tickets at Lazy Sunday or simply pay at the door—we'd love to see you there!

Charity Golf Tournament

Why not put together a team of 3 players for a Texas Scramble on Friday 7th August at Westhill Golf Club. Tee times from 09.30 to 13.00. Tea/Coffee plus bacon roll on arrival and two course meal after the golf. Cost will be £50 for visitors and £40 for Westhill Golf Club members.

To book your team place, Text or email Capt. Pushp Vaid. ASAP on 07743 895 431 or email - pushpvaid@gmail.com

If you would like to find out more about Rotary and be more involved in the community either by becoming a Rotary member or simply to lend a hand with some of our projects, then please get in touch -Secretary@Westhill.rotary1010.org



Aberdeenshire Lieutenancy

The Lord-Lieutenant's Update



Queen Elizabeth Trust

I would like to encourage communities to consider becoming involved in this new UK-wide independent charity, the Queen Elizabeth Trust. The Queen Elizabeth Trust will ensure Her late Majesty is remembered for her unique ability to bring people together across generations and from all walks of life.

The Trust has been established on the occasion of the centenary of Queen Elizabeth II's birth to honour her lifelong commitment to public service. His Majesty The King has accepted the Royal Patronage of the Trust, which will bring the late Queen's values to life for present and future generations. The Trust is one

of three related memorial projects—alongside a national memorial in St James's Park and a digital memorial—to honour her legacy at local, national, and global levels.

Inspired by the late Queen's stated belief that "everyone is our neighbour", the Trust will work hand in hand with communities, providing funding and targeted support to restore and sustain shared spaces at the heart of local life. To ensure the Trust can have the widest positive impact, the Government is providing a one-off £40 million endowment. This provides the initial funding needed to support local projects of public value and will act as a catalyst for future fundraising. Local projects could include the development and transformation of underused buildings and green spaces as well as neighbourhood hubs in communities across the UK. Funding will also help communities ensure they have access to the skills and training they require to deliver local events.

This contribution continues a long-standing tradition of honouring the monarch through living memorials that make a real difference in people's lives. Including the King George V Playing Fields, established nearly a century ago, which protect public open spaces and recreational grounds across the UK.

More information can be found of on the following link <https://www.queenelizabethtrust.org/en>



Anniversaries, Birthdays

Congratulations to all couples celebrating special anniversaries over the past few months. Myself, or one of my Deputies are always delighted to visit on the day of special milestones, 60th, 70th or 75th wedding anniversaries and 100th and 105th birthdays and present a card and personal congratulations. Please do look at our web site, details below, for further information.

Recently, Steve Mackison DL visited Mr and Mrs Cameron, of Newmachar, to pass on best wishes.

Honours

I had the great pleasure of presenting Squadron Leader Stewart Norris of the 875 (Westhill) Sqn ATC with the British Empire Medal which he received for services to young people. Sqn Ldr

Norris has been involved with the Royal Air Force Air Cadets for over 40 years, over 30 of them as a volunteer. I was accompanied, at the ceremony in Westhill, by Lord-Lieutenant Cadet Ainslie Norris, Stewart's daughter.

The Aberdeenshire Lieutenancy would like to know of any individual or voluntary organisation who has made an exceptional contribution for the wider benefit of others in their community. The Lieutenancy will assist in giving full consideration for appropriate recognition. Information can be found on the Aberdeenshire Lieutenancy website.



Would you like to learn more about the Aberdeenshire Lieutenancy?

Myself, or one of my Deputies would be pleased to visit local groups and schools to share information about the Lieutenancy and the work we do. Please use the email contact below to get in touch.

Please do look at our web site for further information:

www.lord-lieutenant-aberdeenshire.co.uk or contact us on info@lord-lieutenant-aberdeenshire.co.uk

You can also follow us on Facebook and Instagram – 'Lord-Lieutenant of Aberdeenshire'

Very best wishes to you all, Sandy Manson, His Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant of Aberdeenshire

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SCAFFOLD TOWER FOR HIRE

The Community Council has a scaffold tower which was bought to help with erecting the Christmas street lights. The tower is available for hire to Westhill residents. The platform working height is 2.73m.

Charges are £15 per day for 1 to 2 days, then £5 per day for each additional day, or £45 for one week. Transportation available at £10 each way.

For more information and to book the scaffold, call/text David Ritchie on 07989 637461.

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