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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! My name is Becky Ferguson & I'm delighted to introduce myself as the new Chair of Westhill & Elrick Community Council (WECC). I've been involved in WECC for a number of years in different

roles along the way, and am now delighted to have been elected by my peers to take on the role of Chair for this next chapter.

I've lived in Westhill since I was very young, so have experienced our community as a child, teenager, student, adult and now as a parent raising our own children here. This has given me a wide range of understanding about the ways our community thrives and the things that are more of a struggle. I care deeply for our area and want to see things continue to be improved and strengthened for the generations to come.

WECC is a very active community council, with one of our most recent achievements being the adoption of 76 grit bins that would have otherwise been removed. We know this will help many residents when the winter weather hits again.



Local Development Plan (LDP)

As a result of the Council's Call for Sites to developers, 14 bids were submitted to Aberdeenshire Council for potential development in Westhill and Elrick. We have now received information that these bids have been assessed by Aberdeenshire Council and later this year we will know which of those bids will be identified as the preferred options.

Local Place Plan (LPP)

As a result of consulting with residents, the Local Place Plan for Westhill and Elrick is now on-line and will be assessed with the LDP Call for Ideas submissions. The LPP can be viewed via this QR code. Copies of the LPP can also be picked up from the Westhill Library. You will see in this document that residents clearly expressed their ideas on how they would like to see the Westhill and Elrick community develop in the future. In section 5 on page 10 of the LPP there is a map showing which areas residents wanted protected and safeguarded, the recognition of the opportunities for walking and cycling plus the areas that could be used for community use and housing. One area that residents expressed their concerns about was protecting the identities of Westhill and Kirkton of Skene.



Westhill Bus Services

Residents may be aware that in October last year Stagecoach started a new service no. 4 which goes from Westhill to the Bus Station at Union Square via Lang Stracht and ARI. This new service is the direct result of the WECC campaign to get Stagecoach to bring back a bus service that goes to the bus-turning circle at Blacklaws Brae. The service only ran 8 times per day Monday to Friday, but from 17th August it was increased to 9 times per day by the addition of an extra late afternoon service. The service 5 & 6 has also been improved in August by additional weekday early morning journeys and evening journeys have been revised. The new timetables are on the bus stops and in the Stagecoach website.

Becky Ferguson, WECC Chair
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We have just returned from our summer camp at Monymusk, where the boys enjoyed hillwalking, mountain biking, rock climbing and watersports.



Everyone is now looking forward to the new session which starts on Friday 4th September - we will be delighted to welcome any new starts. If you are interested, please come along and give it a try.

Anchor boys (P1 to P3) meet at Trinity church 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.

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We are pleased to announce a new strategy for the period ahead as people face strong headwinds. This strategy answers three questions. What do the people of South West Aberdeenshire need from us between now and 2031? What does the evidence say about how poverty and disadvantage are actually experienced here? And how do we, as a small charity with a big territory, build the resilience to keep delivering — whatever the funding climate brings.

It has been shaped to align directly with Citizens Advice Scotland's Strategy 2025–2030 (Advice; Insight; People), with Aberdeenshire Council's Information and Advice Strategy (agreed by Communities Committee, September 2025), and with the Poverty Alliance's Taking Action on Rural Poverty findings, which drew on lived experience from Aberdeenshire residents themselves.

We hope you will join us on this journey.

To find out more, please contact Grahame Paterson, Chief Officer, by email at

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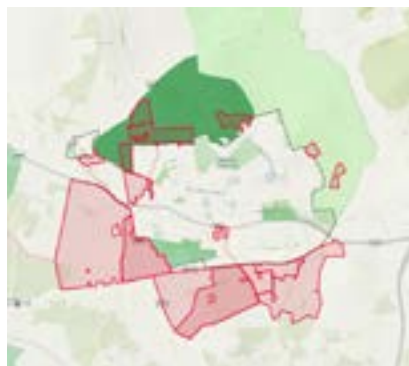
Aberdeenshire Council released the following press release recently and it is shared here to raise awareness of the survey: "Let's talk Aberdeenshire is a new resident survey that will help us better understand what people think about life in their local area and identify where improvements may be needed. The survey explores topics including local identity, town centres, roads and transport, parks and open spaces, community involvement, and local services"

Your views and experiences can help provide valuable insight into what's working well and where we should focus our efforts in the future. The survey is open until 31st October, takes just a few minutes to complete, and is open to everyone who lives in Aberdeenshire. Please take part and help spread the word among family, community groups and local networks. Complete the survey: <https://engage.aberdeenshire.gov.uk/lets-talk-aberdeenshire>

LOCAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN 2029

Work is ongoing to prepare the Local Development Plan (LDP) 2029. The LDP sets the framework for development management decisions or planning applications within Aberdeenshire. The plan sets out a detailed statement of the council's priorities that will guide the development and use of land for the next 10 years. You can read more about the LDP at <https://www.aberdeenshire.gov.uk/planning/plans-and-policies/l dp-2028/>

You can search for sites for which bids have been received from developers/landowners. Planners are in the process of assessing each bid and more information on these sites will be available over the coming months.



Street Lighting Challenges

Many residents across Westhill have been in touch with us recently to raise concerns about street lights being removed in our community. The removals are part of an ongoing programme to identify street lighting columns that have become structurally unsafe. Aberdeenshire Council maintains almost 47,000 street lighting columns across the Shire and is carrying out detailed inspections to detect hidden corrosion and other structural weaknesses that are not always visible from the outside. Where a lighting column is found to pose a risk to public safety, it needs to be removed immediately. While the Council's intention is to replace every unsafe column, the reality is that current funding does not allow this to happen as quickly as we would like. Replacing a single lighting column can cost up to £2,500. This year's capital budget for replacements is £200,000, meaning that available funding has to be prioritised for locations where lighting is most critical for public safety, including

busy junctions, pedestrian crossings, town centres and other high-risk areas. Unfortunately, more than 17,000 lighting columns across Aberdeenshire have now exceeded their expected service life. Without additional investment, it is likely that more columns will need to be removed before they can be replaced. Details of the structural inspection results for street lighting columns are available in the website below. This includes live information and, where available, estimated replacement dates. <https://www.aberdeenshire.gov.uk/roads-and-travel/roads/maintenance/lighting/>

Growing Concern Over Weeds Along Westhill Pavements

As local councillors, we understand the frustration of seeing weeds becoming increasingly noticeable along pavements and around residential areas. The Council has advised that, due to limited resources, its weed-control programme has had to be prioritised this year. Treatment is currently being focused on busy, high-footfall areas which unfortunately this means that some residential areas of Westhill are not currently included in the weed-treatment programme.

Celebrating 70 Wonderful Years: William and Sheila Connon

Warmest congratulations to William and Sheila Connon at Braecroft Avenue, Westhill, who are celebrating their incredible Platinum Wedding Anniversary - 70 years of marriage!



It's a real pleasure and an honour as local councillors to be invited to celebrate such milestones, together with the Lord Lieutenant of Aberdeenshire. William and Sheila got married in Ellon, and they have shared seven decades of memories, family life and happy times together.

It was lovely to hear all about the week of celebrations they had enjoyed with family and friends. Congratulations once again to William and Sheila - here's to more happy memories together!

Your Car Could Be Stolen While You Sleep

The issue of car theft and the growing use of electronic devices by criminals was recently discussed by the Council's Garioch and North Marr Community Safety Group. The following advice outlines some simple, practical steps which can be taken to reduce the risk of becoming a victim.

Car thieves no longer need to smash a window or force a lock to get behind the wheel. Modern electronic equipment can exploit weaknesses in keyless entry systems, making some vehicles alarmingly easy targets — and thieves can



be gone before the owner even realises what has happened.

But there are simple ways to fight back. Keep keyless keys and spare keys well away from doors and windows, consider using a Faraday pouch, lock your car manually rather than relying solely on proximity locking, and check that its security software is up to date. A visible steering-wheel lock, secure driveway lighting and a tracker can provide extra protection. The harder your car is to steal, the more likely a thief is to move on.

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On the run up to the summer holidays our youth sections all enjoyed a variety of outdoor activities. There were hikes up hills, cycle rides at Tarland trails, Dunecht and to Kirkton of Skene; there was geocaching, litter picking, campfires, paddle boarding plus electric car making. There were also World Cup and Commonwealth Games themed nights. Lots of badges were awarded and lots of fun was had.



In July, two of our youth members and two of our adult volunteers attended the 40th Blair Atholl International Jamborette. Over 500 scouts from across Scotland plus contingents from overseas attended the 10-day camp within the Blair Atholl castle grounds.

With over 40 activities on offer during the day and various events held in the evening it was a fantastic camp for all. Visitors Day on the middle Saturday saw a number of Westhill and Gordon District members attend to see the camp and Westhill attendees. With amazing weather, it was a very successful camp.

We are looking forward to starting back after the school holidays and welcoming our young people back to enjoy lots more fun and develop #SkillsForLife.

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

To add your child's details to our waiting list, complete the online waiting list form available on our website (www.1stwesthillscouts.co.uk). Please note that due to the number of young people on our waiting list, it can take over 12-18 months to be offered a place.



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Future Events: Allan Reid and Christine Kydd, singers and songwriters of folk and traditional Scottish music, playing on 18th September. For details see the posters on local community information boards and our Facebook Page for these and all other events.

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
- 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.
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Westhill Green Spaces Team Update

As all gardeners know, summer is the time for bedding plants, and a time of rapid vegetation growth, weeds and all.

Town Centre Bedding Plants



With the help of an enthusiastic and knowledgeable group of volunteers [pictured], the task of planting out all 48 hanging baskets and 17 ground level planters was completed in a morning in early June. As per last year, the plants were purchased by WECC. Thanks especially to Mervyn and Ken for the planning and preparation. This year's welcoming display is a wonderful visual example of teamwork. [picture]

Strimming, Pruning & Weeding

Combating rapid vegetation growth, especially around the Westhill Orbital Trail and in Denman Park is an ongoing summer challenge, and only possible with the support of a dedicated team of volunteers [picture] armed with an array of battery-operated power tools. Weather permitting, we are out and about on Wednesday mornings. These last few weeks have been spent cutting back overhanging vegetation on sections of the Trail at the golf club, Meadowlands, Mains of Kinmundy Hill, Lawsondale, Peregrine Road and Carnie Woods. A couple of mornings were also spent in



Denman Park, removing willow herb, nettles, thistles and dockens that have no place in a landscaped public park.

This work supplements the work of the Council's under-resourced Landscape Services team.

Accolade for Denman Park and Arnhall Moss

Our beloved central park was last month voted the best accessible walk in Scotland for those with limited mobility, ranking first out of 289 walking routes by Lovett Care. This is testament to the combined restoration efforts of WECC, Aberdeenshire Council and our small army of dedicated volunteers.

Town Centre Litter Picks

WECC organises two community litter picks each month on the second and fourth Saturday mornings, subject to reasonable weather. Having said that, we've taken a break over the school holidays as litter volumes appear to be lighter and less visible. We aim to start again on 22nd August. Please come along if you can. It's surprisingly enjoyable. We assemble at 10am at Denman Park pavilion, and pick up for up to an hour. All kit provided.

Volunteering



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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We walk on alternate Sundays throughout the year, graded as Easy, Moderate or Strenuous, and our next 4 walks are shown below.

New members are always very welcome to join our friendly informal group, so why not get in touch to find out more. Whether you stay in Westhill or further afield, we'd love to hear from you.

Check us out on Facebook or at www.westhillwalkers.org

***For more information and to put your name down please contact :
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13 Sept	Glen Doll & Corrie Fee 13km : Moderate to Strenuous
27 Sep	Arbroath to Lunan Bay 16km : Easy
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Westhill Senior Citizens Group

The Seniors Group is a lovely way to meet your friends, make new ones and get yourself out of the house.

We meet in Trinity Church on Westhill Drive from 2pm to 3.30pm. We have an hour of entertainment followed by refreshments (please bring your own cup).

This past year we've enjoyed a variety of entertainment, Christmas Lunch and a bus trip/lunch. Our last session was 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. The cost will be around £10 to £20 (tbc)

Our programme to date:

- Thursday 3rd September – Musical medicine with Karen Barker
- Thurs 17th Sept – Singer Jack Macpherson
- Thurs 1st Oct – Ice Cool Katz with Dave & Sue

We have our Christmas lunch provisionally booked for Thursday 10th December!!

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.

If you would like any further information please contact:

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With the outdoor bowling season wrapping up, the indoor bowling club is getting ready for their new season starting on Tuesday 22nd September. New members are always welcome.

At the hall it's been a busy summer, with plenty of private parties and some well-deserved TLC for the building. Decorative work is underway, and the main hall will be freshly painted in time for September. Looking ahead, our popular Community Café returns on 16th September, running fortnightly on Wednesday from 10am to 12pm. It remains a warm, friendly spot to catch up, with donations supporting local charities and groups.

Thanks go to all of the volunteers who keep things going at the hall. If you'd like to get involved, we'd like to hear from you!

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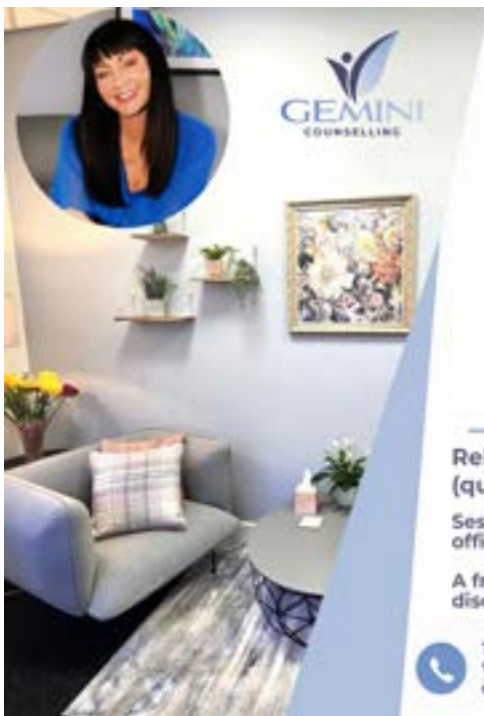
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FUNDRAISING

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But we really need people to join the fundraising committee and help come and organize events.

LAZY SUNDAY

This year it was on Sunday 7th June, run by the Rotary club of Westhill and was a great success.

HOLISTIC FAIR

There is a fair planned for Saturday 10th October 10am to 4pm. If you're interested in booking a stall, call or email the Hall. Entry is free.

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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WESTHILL MARKET (9am-1pm, 1st Saturday of every month apart from January)

Our monthly market is held in the Hall's front car park, and we have a variety of stallholders selling fish, shellfish, sour dough and bakery items, local fresh meat, pies, jams, fudge, eggs, ethnic foods, crafts, jewelry and more. We are still looking for a new fruit and vegetable supplier

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.

Most of the products at the Market are locally sourced and made, with little or no food miles involved. Come along to see the fantastic quality and choice of goods on offer and help the environment.

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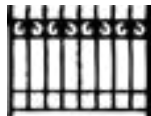
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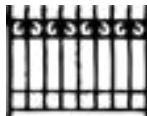
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Monday

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 – Abriabeats – 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 – New player welcome

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**
 0930 to 1015– Mat-work Pilates – Main Hall - block booking required**
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 1600 to 1700 – Kids Spanish Lessons – MR1 – claudia@spanishstarescocia.com
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Saturday

0900 to 1200 - Rugby tots – Main Hall - 07970690204

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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 -we will be celebrating our 50th Anniversary at a Dinner & Dance fundraising event at Thainstone Inverurie. Please see poster here. If you would like to come but cannot make up a table of 10, then we can look at adding you to a table, please email the email on the poster.

The funds raised by the committee remains within this area. If you would like to be a volunteer for events or join our committee please contact Alison Troup -07974790765 or macmillanskenefundraising@gmail.com

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The gardening club normally meet on the third Wednesday of each month in the lounge of Trinity Church, Westhill Drive, at 7.30pm from September to May. 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.

Wednesday 16th September – Bob from One Seed Forward, will give a talk on "Andes to Aberdeen."

Wednesday 21st October – Collette Jones will be joining us to talk about garden herbs.

Wednesday 18th November – Elaine from "Somethingcorny" is paying a return visit.

If you would like any further information regarding the gardening club. Please contact:-

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Compass Project: Progress and Activities

All are invited to get active as the Compass Project launches an exciting NEW PROGRAMME OF ACTIVITIES at the North Point multi-purpose building from August 2026.



The initiative will offer something for everyone and every ability level, including circuit training, walking and running groups, walking football and pay-per-court badminton sessions. There will also be boccia sessions and other inclusive activities specifically designed for people with physical, sensory and learning disabilities.

The sessions will be led by Shaun McIntosh, Compass's Activities and Booking Coordinator. Shaun has a background in sports coaching and is excited to be

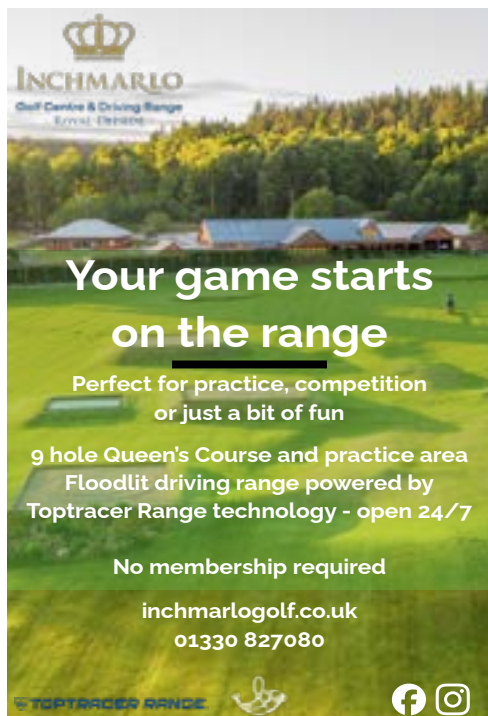
introducing a wide variety of activities at the fully refurbished North Point building at the Compass site on Craigton Road in Cults which will also make use of the green surrounding areas.

The programme aims to improve health and wellbeing in the community, while creating opportunities for people to come together in a SUPPORTIVE and ACCESSIBLE ENVIRONMENT.

The North Point multi-purpose facility offers various, well-equipped spaces for hire: a large bright Main Hall suitable for sports activities, children's parties and events, a fully fitted kitchen, and a meeting room on the first floor. This is ideal for community groups, craft, language or other small groups classes. Spaces are available 7 days a week from 8am to 10pm.

The project already holds drop-in indoor activity and soft play sessions for under 5s and their parent/carer on Wednesday mornings (10am - 12pm) and offers great under 12s party packages on Saturdays and Sundays (9am - 1pm and 2pm - 6pm).

Interested in taking part in the new activities, hiring our facilities, or finding out more about what the Compass Project has to offer? Contact the team on 01224 678830 / booking@cwt.scot, drop in at North Point during office hours (9am – 5pm Monday to Friday) or visit our website compassaberdeen.org.uk.



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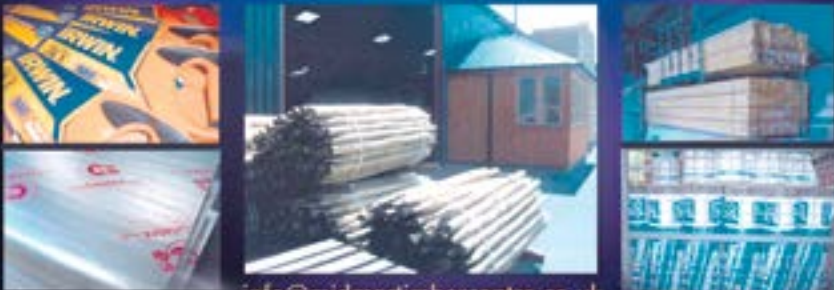
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Westhill Defib Group

Earlier this year the Westhill Defib Group began hosting a monthly evening awareness session within the Broadstrait Inn, providing those living in our community with an opportunity to gain confidence in performing CPR and using a public access defibrillator. The sessions to date have been well attended, with those engaging saying they enjoyed it and left feeling more confident to step up to help in the event of an emergency. Eighty percent of out of hospital cardiac arrests happen within the home. Our defibrillators are regularly deployed, highlighting that this is something that happens on our doorstep. If you lack the skills or confidence to know what to do in an emergency, please come along and join us for one of our evening sessions. We are exceptionally grateful to the Broadstrait Inn for allowing us to host the session within the venue and providing a discount off meal prices for those attending a session with us. Another great reason to come along one evening! We are a welcoming Group who create a friendly, relaxed learning environment. We have sessions running on Tuesday 1st September , Wednesday 7th October , Tuesday 3rd November , Tuesday 1st December , all from 7pm to 8pm



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Aside from delivering the free awareness sessions, the Group continues to ensure the defibrillators within our community are ready for use in an emergency. This involves ensuring the defibrillator battery is charged and that the adhesive pads are within date. If you know of any companies that might support us with the upkeep of our defibrillators, please get in touch with the Group. We rely on fundraising and grants to help support the maintenance and safe running of the defibrillators. The cost of replacing batteries and pads equates to around £100 per device per year.

'Restart a Heart Day' is an annual initiative that is held to raise awareness of the importance of knowing how to do CPR. This year you can join in 'Restart a Heart Live' which is a free live-streamed CPR event taking place on Thursday 1st October 2026. Anyone can register to take part, and it's a fun, accessible way for primary and secondary schools to get students of all ages learning this important lifesaving skill. No equipment is required. All you need is a cushion, jacket in a bag or teddy and 25 minutes of your time. It would be fantastic if our local schools participated in this event. Further details can be found here: <https://www.restartaheart.live/>

If you want to learn more about our Group please visit our Facebook page. You can also contact us via email at westhilldefibgroup@gmail.com Remember in the event of an emergency where CPR is needed 'hands to chest, do your best'.

See next page for list of the Local Public Access Defibrillators.

LOCAL PUBLIC ACCESS DEFIBRILLATOR



Locations



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- Westhill Shopping Centre
- Westdyke Leisure Centre
- Westhill Swimming Pool
- Westhill Service Station
- Trinity Church
- Milne Hall, Skene
- Scout Hall
- Westhill Community Church
- Westhill Golf Club
- The Happy Barber
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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 Shedders who helped on the day and our customers for continuing to support us in this way.

We are looking forward to our AGM on 21st August with our annual barbecue the following week. In September we have a trip to the Montrose Air Station Museum.

We have finally moved to a more modern email system and after a little tweaking it now seems to be working fine and is more reliable.

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Our programme is full of interesting indoor workshops, guest speakers and outdoor practical, fun sessions. We restart on 20th August.

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Other Activities

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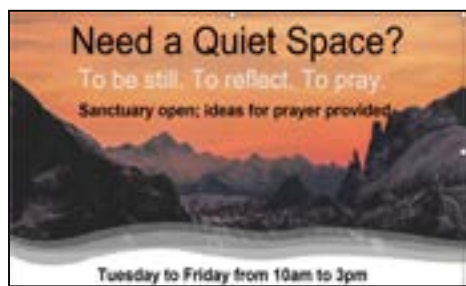
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CSAs come in many forms but what is being proposed here is a member-led CSA:

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We don't have a farm yet. We don't even have a field yet.

What we have is a question:

Would enough people in Westhill and Elrick actually want this?

What would make you sign up? What would put you off?

What should it look like?

This survey only takes a few minutes

We are not asking for any formal commitment now

Just tell us what you think:



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Rootshare is a community initiative currently exploring whether local appetite exists for a community-owned growing scheme. No land has been acquired and no organisation has been formed – this is simply a “no-strings” survey to understand local opinion.

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On a separate note, we'd also like to introduce a new community social group which has been running for the past couple of months. Cheery Cup is a group all about bringing people together for a friendly Monday morning coffee and a chat. Whether you're new to the area, looking to meet new people or simply fancy some company - everyone is welcome.

The group meets every Monday from 9.30am at Duncano's at Westhill Shopping Centre - feel free to drop in. Duncano's kindly offer a tea/coffee and a pastry for £5. If you have any questions or require transport to and from Duncano's, then please contact Morag Simpson on 07818 464546.





Walking Football in Westhill

In collaboration with the Westdyke Community Club (WCC), we have created a Walking Football group within Westhill with the goal of promoting both physical and mental health to people in the local vicinity. We encourage anybody who is looking for a new activity, trying to stay fit and/or wants to meet new people, to consider joining the group which is open to all regardless of ability or experience.

If you are unfamiliar with the concept of walking football it is viewed as a non-contact, low-intensity version of association football focussed on creating a safe and enjoyable environment typically played on smaller pitches.

Our sessions, which started in April, has gradually grown to the point where we have a consistent and welcoming group of participants that allow us to organise regular gatherings every Monday from 4-5pm at Lawsondale football pitches in Westhill (AB32 6TW).

A fee of £15 is required to become a member of the WCC and the cost of each session is £1.50, however this may be covered by funding. We would love to see new faces, with the first session being free of charge to allow yourself to try it out. If interested please contact us by emailing westdykeccwalkingfootball@outlook.com



The Walking Football group receiving a donation from the Granite Heart Charity shop.

WECC COMMUNITY SUPPORT FUND



The current Westhill Bulletin business model has allowed WECC to generate surpluses from advertising revenues over production costs. Since 2011 WECC has chosen to make some of these surplus funds available as donations to local voluntary groups as finances allow, and around £48,000 has been donated to a wide range of groups over these last 15 years.

At the May 2026 donations round, donations were made to the Scout Hall Playgroup for two folding tub tables, and to Westhill Rotary Club towards cost of the Lazy Sunday event.

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

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Singing Harmony in Westhill: The Art of A Cappella

Albacappella is an all-female chorus from Aberdeen city and shire which has been performing a cappella for over the last 13 years. From the Music Hall's VE Day concert to Aberdeen's Kilt Walk event and annual Music Festival - the chances are you may even have heard the group sing somewhere along the way. But what exactly is a cappella and what does it actually involve?



Put simply, a cappella is a style of singing where the voices take the place of musical instruments, typically arranged in close, four-part harmony. When the voices blend together well they create music which is beautifully layered and captivating and can create a magical overtone which is like a fifth voice.

A capella music has a remarkable way of reshaping songs we think we already know. In recent years, everything from classic rock anthems to modern charttoppers have been reimagined for voice alone — proving just how adaptable and expressive this style can be. A cappella strips music back to its essentials and lets harmony take centre stage.

Creating the right blend takes practice. According to Albacappella's Music Director, Sarah Estill, the foundation is good technique. With her roots as a renowned world class opera singer, Sarah has spent the last two years refining the vocal techniques of this Scottish singing group. Sarah also believes in strengthening the emotional connection to the music. This is something which, she says, can often be overlooked. "Everything else might be perfect but if the emotional energy isn't there, the music can just sound flat and lifeless. Truly connecting with a piece can elevate a performance to something deeply personal that feels authentic and speaks directly to the heart of your audience. At the end of a song it is the greatest feeling to know that you've connected to the audience in this way".



So, with nothing to rely on but voice alone, a cappella music invites an audience into one of the purest forms of musical expression, whether it's classic barbershop or a reimagined rock favourite. Every voice matters and every singer - regardless of age, background, or belief, must work together in Albacappella to create something greater together than the sum of its parts. When done well, there is a feeling that stays with you long after the final note fades. A reminder that bringing different voices together can create something harmonious and truly beautiful.

Albacappella rehearses at the Westhill Community Church every Wednesday evening. For more information on joining the chorus, or if you are interested in hiring Albacappella for an event, please go to our website www.albacappella.co.uk.

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Our regular services users now include:

- Westhill Senior Citizens
- Pitcairn Lodge Nursing Home
- Blackhills Court Sheltered Housing
- Woodlands Care Home
- Birch House Care Home
- SensationAll, Westhill

We also offer this service to anyone living in Westhill & Elrick or nearby communities, who are not part of an official care service but may have restricted mobility. If you have a family member who falls into this category please do contact us.



VOLUNTEERS WANTED

If you enjoy helping people and like being outdoors in your local community, then why don't you consider becoming a volunteer pilot for the Westhill Chapter.

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If you are part of a group who looks after people with mobility issues or want more information, we'd love to hear from you.





WESTHILL GOLF CLUB

The club has hosted a number of events this season where we watched the Scotland world cup games into the early hours of a sunny Sunday morning, hosted BBQs, Charity events and the ever-popular private functions; if anyone is looking for a venue to host an event please get in touch.

As mentioned above we hosted a charity golf day for the charity Maggie's and raised a good sum of money; thanks to all that participated and everyone who helped put the even together.

Our finals day was held on 16th August. This is where all the club championships finals are held over all the categories within the club from Juniors, ladies, gents through to Seniors. Well done to all the finalists and congratulations to all the winners!

Our opens have been well attended this season with a large number of entries from visitors; there is one further open before the season is finished with a Gents Stableford Open on 26th September.

In the coming weeks we will be offering winter membership and also for new members, 18 months for 12. If you are interested in joining the golf club, please get in touch office@westhillgolfclub.co.uk; maybe you are looking for a new golfing challenge or haven't played golf in a while - come up and have a look around and see what we have to offer.

The "Ladies Get into Golf" programme has been extremely popular and thanks to the volunteers for putting that together and good luck in your golf career for all those who joined up.

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John Mitchell
Club Captain



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875 (Westhill) Squadron

It has been another busy and successful year for 875 (Westhill) Squadron, with cadets taking part in a wide range of activities designed to build confidence, leadership, teamwork and practical life skills, while continuing to support the local community through ceremonial and commemorative events.



A particular highlight was Cadet Warrant Officer Norris completing her Gold Duke of Edinburgh's Award sailing expedition. As part of a team of ten cadets and two staff members, she spent ten days at sea, sailing from Oban to Aberdeen. The expedition required resilience, teamwork and determination, with the crew arriving in Aberdeen in time to coincide with the Tall Ships activity in the city.



CWO Norris also represented the squadron as the Lord-Lieutenant's Cadet for Aberdeenshire, a prestigious appointment in which cadets act as ambassadors for their organisation and support the Lord-Lieutenant at civic and ceremonial events. Her duties included attending Armed Forces Day activity at Woodhill House and the Remembrance service in Aberdeen.

The squadron has also seen an important change in leadership. Our outgoing Officer Commanding, Squadron Leader Stewart Norris, has taken up a wider RAF Air Cadets role supporting training across the Wing. Sqn Ldr Norris served as Officer Commanding for 17 years and has dedicated over 40 years to the RAF Air Cadets. He was also awarded the British Empire Medal in the New Year Honours for services to young people in Aberdeenshire. He will be greatly missed in the role, although we are delighted that he continues to support the squadron regularly.



Flying Officer Mike Wallace has now taken over as Officer Commanding and is already bringing fresh ideas to the squadron, supported by his professional experience as a Senior Lecturer (Enhancement). Under the new leadership, 875 Squadron remains focused on providing engaging training that helps cadets develop self-discipline, confidence and practical skills, alongside aviation and RAF-themed learning.

Our regular parade nights continue twice weekly, with cadets taking part in activities including first aid, fieldcraft, navigation, leadership, STEM and cyber training, drill, radio communications and teamwork challenges. Cadets also continue to work through progressive training and classification, with opportunities to gain nationally recognised qualifications where available.



Over the coming months, the squadron will continue to focus on aviation, leadership, shooting and community events. Wherever possible, we aim to offer experiences that broaden horizons, from visiting RAF stations to learning outdoor skills and representing the squadron at public events.

We welcome new cadets from age 12 to 17, and we are also keen to hear from adults interested in volunteering, either in uniformed roles or as Civilian Instructors. No military background is required, just an interest in supporting young people. Full training is provided.

For more information, please email oc.875@rafac.mod.gov.uk or visit our Facebook page: 875 (Westhill) Squadron RAF Air Cadets.

Fg Off Mike Wallace RAFAC
Officer Commanding

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Popular choirmaster Gareth Malone says "Singing has a magical quality of healing, fun and bringing people together. It's also a great way to build confidence with proven mental and physical health benefits."

The course is designed to teach you all you need to know in a relaxed friendly environment. You will learn a new song and be able to sing it with other new learners and the chorus. Why don't you come along and give it a try. You will be made very welcome by the chorus members who will be glad to chat and answer any questions that you may have. Many of our members had not sung since their school days and they wished they had taken up this wonderful hobby much earlier.

The venue for the course is where we rehearse on Tuesday evenings – Fountainhall Church at the Stocket, Harcourt Road, Aberdeen, AB15 5NZ.

For more information and to register for the course contact us via our website, granitecitychorus.co.uk, via [Facebook](https://www.facebook.com/granitecitychorus) or email CONTACT@GRANITECITYCHORUS.CO.UK



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Most people who join the University of the third age are over 50 but there is no strict lower or upper age to joining this organisation. It is a self funding group and the membership costs are between £10 to £15 per year.

Many of the u3a organisations offer a variety of interest groups and activities such as Scottish history, book groups, discussion groups, travel groups, lunch groups, current affairs, languages and IT skills.

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Big news for this quarter is that we have now successfully registered for charitable status as a SCIO, allowing us to proceed to the next stage of Aberdeenshire Council's Asset Transfer process.

After a brief summer hiatus, we will be hosting our second Pop-Up Ladies Fun & Fashion Show scheduled on Thursday 10th September. Tickets for last year's first Show were sold out within a couple of weeks, so for the opportunity to source heavily discounted outfits and accessories from top High Street brands, check our Facebook page or call Kath on 07743-706668. Tickets are only £10 per head.



Our next family Quiz night is scheduled for October, but since the date is yet to be decided, please keep an eye on our Socials for ticketing details.

Our extremely popular "Bide A While" coffee mornings will continue through the autumn from 10.30am to 2.30pm on the last Saturday of the month, although the Saturday 26 September date will be replaced by the annual MacMillan Coffee Morning which the local team will host from 10am until noon. As usual, each coffee date will incorporate our "200 Club" live draw.

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.

Lyne of Skene Hall Association is a Registered Charity – SC055549

WESTHILL - BIKE CLUB -



"Aye the nichts are fair draain in" but what a fantastic summer of cycling we have had. With the delivery of the new club shirts, there has been an increase in the bumblebee cyclists bombing about Westhill and the Shire.

The club has participated in numerous events, including Etape Loch Ness, Mid-Summer Beer Happening Cycle Sportive, which included a well-deserved beer (or two) at the finish, Brewdog Sportive (say no more about beer) and Ride the North which started at the picturesque Glamis Castle this year.

The Wednesday night ride continued to grow over the summer making it a very sociable and enjoyable evening. The group sometimes split into two or three in order for all abilities to enjoy the ride, as always, nobody gets left behind. The longer Saturday rides have enjoyed coffee and cake at lovely country coffee shops with the shorter lazy Sunday rides sometimes opting for coffee at the end of the ride.



Ride start times may change as the days get shorter so keep an eye on our Facebook page. It's not too late in the season to join the club so do come along, Wednesdays at 1755, meet in the carpark of Westhill Community Church, Old Skene Road or drop us a message at info@westhillbikeclub.com for details on weekend rides. All abilities are welcome, we are a friendly bunch and nobody gets left behind.

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Abercrombie operate two dental practices in Westhill with a great reputation for preventative and cosmetic dentistry treatments and aesthetic treatments such as Botox and fillers.



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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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Saturday 9am–5.30pm (private appointments only)

Westhill to the Fjords



For many of us, the list of direct routes from Aberdeen can feel limited, but two Norwegian gems are hiding in plain sight: Bergen and Stavanger. Both are within easy reach on short flights.

Bergen, known as the “Gateway to the Fjords,” is a compact coastal city wrapped in mountains and water. At its heart is Bryggen, the famous row of colourful wooden warehouses that line the harbour, now a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Wander the narrow lanes to find artisan shops and cosy cafés, then ride the Fløibanen funicular up Mount Fløyen for sweeping views over the rooftops, islands, and fishing boats below. On a bright day you can follow well-marked forest trails, picnic among the pines, or simply sit and soak up the fresh air.



What makes Bergen particularly attractive for a short break from Aberdeen is how easy it is to reach the fjords. Boat trips run into nearby fjord systems, where sheer cliffs, waterfalls and tiny farms clinging to the hillsides give you that classic Norwegian scenery without a long expedition.

Bergen also works brilliantly for a long weekend on the slopes. It's surprisingly straightforward to head on to the ski resorts of Voss or Myrkdalen, which sit in the mountains inland. Here you can enjoy crowd-free runs, reliable snow, and a laid-back Norwegian atmosphere, then finish your trip with a night or two back in the city.

For something different again, consider the famous Flåm Railway. It is one of the most scenic railway journeys in the world, despite taking only about an hour. The line runs from Myrdal station down to the village of Flåm, tucked deep in the innermost part of the Aurlandsfjord. Steep gradients, waterfalls, and stunning views make it a real “pinch-yourself” experience, and it combines perfectly with a stay in Bergen.



Stavanger, also on Norway's southwest coast, has a slightly different character but is every bit as appealing. Its old town, Gamle Stavanger, is a postcard-pretty maze of white wooden houses and cobbled streets, one of the best preserved in Northern Europe. Just a few steps away sits Stavanger Cathedral, with a history stretching back to the 12th century.

Today the city is shaped by Norway's modern energy industry and has a lively cultural and foodie scene, from contemporary art to thought-provoking museums and waterfront restaurants. For many visitors, though, Stavanger is all about the outdoors. It is the natural starting point for exploring Lysefjord and the famous Pulpit Rock (Preikestolen), a dramatic clifftop plateau high above the water that offers one of Norway's most iconic views.

For anyone who wants a longer trip to explore more, Bergen and Stavanger are both connected to the rest of Norway by rail links and fjord routes. They make ideal starting points for travellers in search of landscapes and outdoor adventures. With so much to offer, these two fjord cities are not to be overlooked for exciting short-hop adventures right on our doorstep.

WESTHILL LIBRARY



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**Internet Safety
Information Session**
Wednesday 16th September



Are you worried about staying safe online?

Looking for answers to questions such as:-

- what makes a good password?
- can I trust QR codes?
- why is 159 a useful phone number to know?
- who can you ask about keeping your data safe online?

We're hosting a drop-in internet safety information session at the library on Wednesday, 16th September. Come along, anytime between 10am and 7pm, for an informal chat with our trained staff and gain practical guidance on staying safe online.

Our mentors are happy to answer any questions you may have about avoiding online scams, protecting your personal information, misinformation, fake news and building confidence in navigating the digital world.

If you can't make it along on the day, pop into the library anytime we are open for support with your online safety queries – Westhill Library staff will be pleased to help.

We're happy to visit local groups and organisations to provide information sessions. Contact us to arrange a visit.

Our Top Title!



'Simmy: Tackling Life with Aberdeen and Fergie' by Neil Simpson with Neil Drysdale tells the fascinating story of a local lad growing up in Aberdeenshire who became a Gothenburg Great. Documenting far more than football, this is a terrific read about Simmy's life and career.

Looking for something to do after school?

Come along to our Wednesday after-school activity sessions during the new school term.



Join us between 3.30 and 4.30pm to try a different activity each week including coding, storytelling, crafts, board games and more.



Ask us for more details.



Come and join Bookbug!

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T: 01224 472871
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Congratulations to Alan Leitch, who was officially welcomed as our new President. We wish Alan every success for the year ahead and look forward to supporting him as we continue to serve our local community and beyond. A heartfelt thank you to Alison Forsyth for her dedication, leadership and commitment during her year as President.



Community Engagement

Our monthly litter picks continue during the summer, helping to keep Westhill tidy and our Rotarians have been helping out at community events such as Echt Show and as far afield as Aboyne Highland Games.

Lazy Sunday

Lazy Sunday was yet again a great success and it was wonderful to see so many of our community joining together for a fun day out in Westhill. We also had our inaugural treasure hunt and the Rotaract colour run on the same day, making it an extra special community event. The Bingo night, a week afterwards was also a huge success and both events helped us raise funds for our ongoing charity projects.



Inspiring the Next Generation

Local primary schools have enjoyed a stellar season of competition and community achievement. At the District 1010 Primary Schools Quiz Final, the Crombie 1 team secured a strong fifth place out of seventeen teams. Meanwhile, Westhill Primary School celebrated the intermediate winners of the Rotary Young Photographer competition alongside two Primary 5 pupils who won the 2026 Rotary Young Environmentalist competition. Public speaking talents also shone as thirteen P7 pupils addressed diverse subjects, ranging from baking and rugby to climate change. Additionally, the Crombie Primary Rotakids earned an Excellence Award from RGB&I for year-round community efforts, including litter picking, fundraising, and organizing shoebox distributions for Eastern Europe.



Described by a recent graduate as “one of the best experiences of my life,” RYLA Scotland offers a transformational week-long residential at the Abernethy Activity Centre for 16 to 17 year olds. Built around canoeing, hiking, and team challenges, the fully funded camp builds confidence, leadership skills, and lifelong friendships. This July, the Rotary Club of Westhill sponsored two local teenagers to attend the 2026 camp. Beyond strengthening CVs and university applications, participants return standing a little taller. Applications for July 2027 open later this year for those aged 16 to 17—contact info@ryla1010.com to learn more.

Supporting Good Causes

Donations have been made to several local charities, including Aberdeen Mountain Rescue,

Cycling Without Age (Westhill) and River Dee Trust. In addition, our International charity donations include Shelterbox and Sand Dams

If you would like to find out more about Rotary and give something back to 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 or contact us via our Facebook page: facebook.com/westhillrotary



Aberdeenshire Lieutenancy

The Lord-Lieutenant's Update



The Queen's Reading Room Medal

Do you know someone who has been a reading hero in your community? Is there someone you'd like to see recognised for bringing books to people? We want to hear from and about volunteers who are helping others make room for reading in their lives. The Queen's Reading Room, the literary charity founded by Her Majesty Queen Camilla, exists to promote and advocate for the transformative power of reading for everyone, everywhere. The Queen's Reading Room Medal celebrates individuals in their communities who are champions of books and literature. We want to hear from volunteers who have made a demonstrable impact on the people they serve improving literacy, transforming non-readers into readers, or helping to improve wellbeing by connecting people through books and stories. Two medals will be presented next March 2027: a Local Reading Hero award and a National Reading Hero award.

To learn more about The Queen's Reading Room Medal, our 2026 National and Local Reading Heroes, or to submit a nomination for the award, you can visit us here: <https://thequeensreadingroom.co.uk/the-queens-reading-room-medal/> <. It would be great to nominate some literary champions from Aberdeenshire so can I please ask you to put your thinking caps on and spread the word.



Memorial Cairn, The Late Robbie Shepherd MBE

I had the great pleasure of attending the unveiling, in Dunecht, of the beautiful granite cairn erected to commemorate the life and remarkable contribution of the late Robbie Shepherd MBE. The creation of this striking memorial and the legacy funds were only made possible with the generous support of many donors and the tireless work of Robert Lovie, Rae Jappy, Jennifer Cruickshank and Craig Pike. Thank you to all who made such a fitting and lasting tribute to one of the great sons of Aberdeenshire possible. A special reminder to us all to "Keep right on to the end of the road"

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.

Honours

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. The King's Awards for Enterprise are for outstanding achievement by UK businesses in the categories of; young founder, innovation, international trade, sustainability and promoting opportunity through social mobility. Information can be found on the Aberdeenshire Lieutenancy website.

875 (Westhill) Squadron ATC

I was delighted to visit 875 (Westhill) Squadron ATC to present Cadet Warrant Officer Sidhanth Krishnan with his Lord Lieutenant's Cadet certificate and badge. CWO Krishnan will take over the role from CWO Norris. During the evening CWO Norris passed on a Lord Lieutenant's Cadet badge, to CWO Krishnan. CWO Krishnan is the sixth Lord Lieutenant's Cadet from the squadron since 2020. It was also a pleasure to present Squadron Leader Stewart Norris with his Lord Lieutenant's Certificate for Meritorious Service, in recognition for his service and commitment to the squadron.



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.

<https://www.lord-lieutenant-aberdeenshire.co.uk> or contact us info@lordlieutenant-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



Westhill Pump Track – A New Opportunity for Our Community

What is a Pump Track?

A pump track is a purpose-built cycling facility made up of rolling bumps, banked corners (berms), and flowing turns. Riders generate momentum by “pumping” their bodies up and down over the track, rather than pedalling.

Pump tracks are highly versatile and accessible, designed for a wide range of users—from young children and teenagers to adults and families. They can be used with bikes, scooters, skateboards, and even balance bikes, making them an inclusive space for all abilities.



Houghton Park Pump Track, Alford

Why Westhill Could Benefit

A pump track would bring significant benefits to the Westhill community, offering more than just a place to ride.

Firstly, it would encourage physical activity in a fun and engaging way. Unlike traditional sports facilities, pump tracks are informal and welcoming, allowing people to participate at their own pace while developing balance, coordination, and confidence.

It would also support young people by creating a positive outdoor space where they can meet, socialise, and develop new skills. In an age where screen time is increasingly dominant, facilities like this offer a healthy and constructive alternative. In addition, a pump track can improve overall wellbeing. Spending time outdoors, being active, and interacting with others all contribute to better mental and physical health.

Importantly, pump tracks are accessible and inclusive. They cater for beginners who are just starting out, as well as more experienced riders looking to refine their technique. This makes them an ideal facility for the whole community.

Finally, there are economic and tourism benefits. Well-designed pump tracks can attract visitors from surrounding areas, bringing increased footfall to local shops, cafés, and businesses.

Proven Success Nearby

We don't need to look far to see how successful these facilities can be. Nearby pump tracks in Alford and Ellon have become extremely popular since their introduction. They are regularly used by local families, young people, and visitors alike, quickly establishing themselves as valued community assets.

Their popularity demonstrates a clear demand for this type of facility across Aberdeenshire. Given Westhill's size and strong community spirit, there is every reason to believe a pump track here would be equally well used and appreciated.

Getting the Project Started

To explore the possibility of bringing a pump track to Westhill, I am looking to form a small Steering Committee. This group will help guide the project, engage with the community, and work with relevant partners to turn this idea into reality.

This is an opportunity for local residents to play a direct role in shaping a new community facility. Whether you have experience in project planning, fundraising, community engagement, or simply a passion for improving local amenities, your involvement would be greatly valued. If you are interested in being part of the Steering Committee, or would like to support the project in any way, please contact Bruce on [westhill.pump.track@gmail.com](mailto:pump.track@gmail.com)

A Space for Everyone

A pump track is more than just a place to ride—it's a space where people can come together, build confidence, stay active, and enjoy the outdoors. With the right support, Westhill has the chance to create something that will benefit the community for years to come.



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TREASURER

Manage finances and ensure the Centre's financial sustainability.



SECRETARY

Support administration and keep our community informed.



Why Become a SCIO?

Achieving SCIO status would bring significant benefits to the Centre, including access to a much wider range of funding opportunities. This additional funding could help us:



IMPROVE FACILITIES AND SERVICES

Upgrade and maintain our facilities for all users.



DEVELOP NEW ACTIVITIES AND PROGRAMMES

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Ultimately, becoming a SCIO would have a positive impact on everyone who uses and enjoys Westdyke Leisure Centre.

CAN YOU HELP?



If you have experience in leadership, finance, administration, or simply a passion for supporting your local community, we would love to hear from you.

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For more information or to express your interest, please contact

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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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