

EAGLESHAM & WATERFOOT COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS NEWSLETTER - July 2020



An update from Community Connections

The Community Connections Project has been based in the beautiful village of Eaglesham & Waterfoot and is funded by LEADER until September 2020. We've enjoyed being able to get out and about, meeting having lovely conversations with local people, groups, organisations and local businesses. We've listened to what people feel would complement existing initiatives to help people feel even more "connected up" and part of the community.

Some of our successes include The Chatty Café at Ian's Kitchen, a Family Quiz and two "Village Gatherings". A larger gathering involving around 25 groups and organisations at the Bowling Club due happen the week before lockdown was enforced. Due to safety concerns raised, we thought it best to cancel the event. Since then, we've used different types of communication to share information about the great things that local people and groups are doing during the crisis.

A recurrent theme from the Gatherings was finding a way of connecting those of us who are happy living an "internet free" lifestyle. So, we decided to produce this Newsletter to gauge community response.

We positively encourage feedback on the newsletter/what's on as to the kind of things you'd like to see in it, if you think it's a worthwhile venture. Is it something you would like to see continued after the Community Connections project comes to an end? How would you like to contribute to it? Hope you enjoy your read!

What's Still On

Eaglesham Knitting & Crocheting Group – have been managing to meet via "Zoom" (a social media platform) every Thursday morning for an hour. If you would like to join them, contact Mary MacInnes on 01355-301171

Eaglesham Bowling Club – open once again with Phase 1 restrictions in place.

Eaglesham History Society – currently working on continuing talks and meetings via Zoom

The Book Group – are continuing to meet on Zoom but will recommence as soon as The Eglinton Arms Hotel bar re-opens for business and welcome any new members back on Tuesday evenings at 8pm.

The Brownies – are holding weekly virtual Zoom meetings with challenges for the following week to alleviate boredom and keep those Brownies focused!

The Guides - are also continuing working towards achieving their badges. In fact over 500 Rainbows, Brownies, Guides & Rangers recently participated in a "virtual" camp aptly entitled "Hameldaeme"!!

Eaglesham Parish Church are making little weekly videos of their adult & kids services which can be viewed on the Eaglesham Parish Church website.

Eaglesham Parish Foodbank Collection – weekly collections are Tuesdays & Thursdays 11am-12 noon at the Carswell Centre.

TREE (The Regeneration of Eaglesham's Environment) have returned! You may see them socially distancing tending to the beautiful planters they provided in the village. Always open to new volunteers, you can contact Ruth Wallace – 01355 303471.

What's New

Eaglesham Street Library – Sats & Suns 10am-9pm outside Montgomerie Hall. Home delivery service available for people shielding or housebound. Message Freya on Eaglesham Street Library Facebook page

Eaglesham & Waterfoot Self-Isolating Helping Hands Group – continue their invaluable work shopping, collecting prescriptions etc. for people shielding or self-isolating. Contact Helen if you know anyone in the Village who could do with a wee bit cheering up and she'll organise some flowers or a plant, and a lovely card. The group are available on Facebook.

Eaglesham Youth Club – Community Learning & Development have set up an Instagram page for young people to follow which includes information on healthy minds & safety advice. Young people can keep in touch with the CLD workers via direct messaging with any queries they have or for advice. Instagram follow handle is – 'Cldeastren'.

The Little Things – covid-friendly brand new business from local handymen Owen & Logan. They can turn their hand to anything from grass-cutting, painting, cleaning to general labour work. Call Logan Orr – 07943 666108 or Owen Lyle – 07540 313865 for more information.

Village Services Currently Available

Ian's Kitchen – takeaway & collection, Mon-Fri 8am-2pm & Sat-Sun 9am-2pm. 01355-302107.

Villagio Pizzas - kerbside collections or home delivery. 3pm-8pm. 01355-457150

GR Brown Butchers are offering home delivery service. Call 01355-303136.

Scotmid Co-op, The Village Gift Shop, Orry Mill & Movie Café, Eaglesham Pharmacy – business as usual.

Cruickshanks Opticians Open for emergencies & contact lens collection 01355-302806.

Eaglesham Dental Practice – call 07950 610048 (9am-6pm weekdays) if you have an emergency or NHS24 on 111 outside those hours

Doctor Surgery 0141 451 0690 or book an appointment online open as usual. If you have Covid-19 symptoms. Phone NHS 24 for advice, but please don't visit the surgery, otherwise the surgery is operating as normal.

Community Voices

Let's Get Enterprising! Now, more than ever, is a perfect time to get our young ones busy thinking about how they can make a change to the local community! With a prolonged summer holiday, our little ones will soon run out of things to fill their times with. For those a bit too "old" for playing out & about, helping the local community is the best way to go! I started off my younger days of enterprise selling the old posters from the village opticians around our streets. It wasn't a great money-maker BUT, it gave me practice on the skills I use now & it was all for charity! I then went to cut the grass of my neighbours, some of them elderly, to pay for ice cream and other treats when out and about. What can you think of doing? As a family is there anything that you could do to help the local community? Niall Rachman (local resident)

DATE FOR YOUR DIARY! EAGLESHAM FAIR - SATURDAY 5th JUNE 2021!

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