

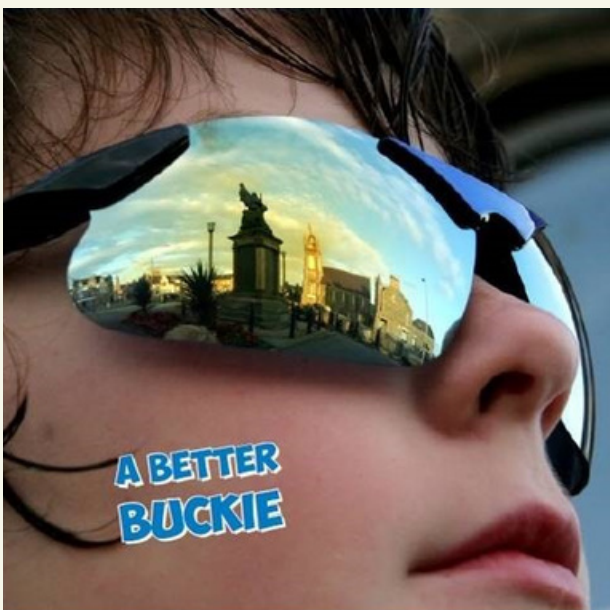
BUCKIE COMMUNITY NEWS

September 2023

Keeping you informed

A WORD FROM US

Welcome to the latest update from the Buckie Locality Plan. As you can see, there's been a lot going on, from volunteer led activities like The Hub and Community Lunches to huge public sector investments like the harbour developments. Our conversations with the public have raised some common concerns, including the need for more places to go and things to do for children and young people. We hope you can help us with that so we're asking you all what free or low-cost activities you do with your family. (see pg3) As independent volunteers, the Buckie Locality Plan Monitoring Group are always keen to hear from you. You can message our "A Better Buckie" Facebook page or email abetterbuckie@gmail.com, or drop a note into The Hub for our attention.



LETTERFOURIE PARK UPGRADE

Letterfourie Park, just off Netherha Road, will receive a £50k revamp next year as part of rolling programme of improvements across Moray's parks.

Moray Council officers have already been engaging with people in the local community about what they would like to see, and a group of enthusiastic residents have been supporting by attending meetings, helping to design a survey and promoting a recent pop-up in the park to gather information on what people would like to see. This is an ideal opportunity for local people to get involved in deciding how the council invests in the park and more than 150 people have already filled out the survey. If you'd like to attend the next meeting or be more involved then please get in touch with laura.cameron@moray.gov.uk



HARBOUR NEWS

It's an exciting time for Buckie with the Moray West offshore wind project well under way. Changes include construction of a new office for the lead organisation Ocean Winds which will house around 60 staff. Other changes include construction of a new Harbour Office as well as developing existing infrastructure. The A Better Buckie Facebook page are highlighting live wind farm vacancies as they become known.

FINDOCHTY AND BUCKIE DEVELOPMENT TRUST (FABDT)



Your new charity has been formed to benefit people living or working in the area. The trust is community owned and works in collaboration with other groups.

FABDT have an interest in:

- Buckie Community Lunches
- The Hub
- Keeping Buckie bonny
- Encouraging visitors
- Exploring options of a multipurpose hub

New members are always welcome.

Follow <https://www.facebook.com/FABDevTrust>

Email: info@fabdt.co.uk

ADULT AND FAMILY LEARNING, MORAY COUNCIL



Did you know?

You can access free, one to one, learning sessions with the Adult and Family Learning Team at Buckie Library. Experienced tutors can help you to improve your skills with reading, writing or numbers.

Our popular 6-week driving theory course is run on a regular basis and is aimed at anyone who wants support prior to applying for the theory test.

Multiply is a Moray-wide project that many providers are involved in such as Adult & Family Learning, LEAD and UHI Moray. Multiply can offer free, one to one group or family learning sessions in an informal and friendly setting. This is for you if you want to improve your numeracy skills, build confidence with numbers, get over maths anxiety, manage your money better or help your kids with homework. You can also gain a qualification at the same time. Please send an email for any further details or if you want an informal chat

Gail.Duncan@moray.gov.uk

BUCKIE AND DISTRICT COMMUNITY COUNCIL (B&DCC)



Dedicated volunteers continue to meet on a monthly basis and discuss local concerns and improvements.

Current topics include planning applications, resilience planning, cost of living concerns, walking and cycling routes as well as funding options. Members of the community are always welcome.

B&DCC also welcome new panel members if you have some time to spare and an interest in your community.

Contact Alan Paterson on allan@buckiecc.org to highlight any issues you want raised during these meetings.

COMMUNITY LUNCHES

Tasty soup and sweets are served by volunteers on the last Monday of each month in the Fisherman's Hall. There is no charge however donations are always welcome to cover costs. Most events have a theme and volunteers have great fun dressing up. A range of agencies attend the event too and there's a noticeboard with useful information. With 70+ diners attending, there's always someone to chat to.





STAGECOACH

There are changes to Stagecoach bus services, no. 35, 38 and M98. Please visit the website for further information: stagecoachbus.com

BUCKIE LOCALITY PLAN MONITORING GROUP (BLPMG)

The BLPMG focus group meet regularly to look at local issues. A current focus is the lack of activities for families to do together. The group are working hard to identify what already exists and identify where best to advertise this to inform as much of the community as possible.

COMPETITION

The BLPMG often receive feedback that there is not enough things to do in the area for families. We would like your help to identify free and low cost activities in the area.

Please tell us what you do with your family, abetterbuckie@gmail.com

Your ENTRY will go into a free prize draw for the chance to win a £20 Amazon voucher.

Good luck!

M.CONNECT



The new rebranded M.Connect bus service is an on demand bus service covering the whole of Moray. The bus operates from 0630 - 2015 hrs Mon - Fri.

Perfect for commuting, business, leisure and visiting.

Bookings, routes and fare information can be found at moray.gov.uk/mconnect

Did you know...
 you can book your
m.connect
 journey's via phone
 or via our app up to
1 hour before travel?
 JUST BOOK VIA THE APP
 OR CALL 0300 1234565

moray.gov.uk/mconnect



£25K INVESTMENT ENCOURAGES RESIDENTS TO GET ON THEIR BIKE!

Since the start of the year Moray Council's Active Travel team has been asking locals where they would like to see cycle parking, cycle shelters and repair stations in and around the area that would encourage people to get on their bikes. Officers at the council were extremely grateful for the support they received from a residents' steering group to promote the project and check over proposals. Ideas were suggested and after 163 votes were cast the £25k budget has been allocated to the following projects. Look out for them on a street near you!

1. Cluny Square, South East side
Bike shaped cycle with integrated rack & bike repair station with wheel holder and toolkit, separate pump stand.
2. Marchmont Business Centre
Toaster style bicycle rack
3. Buckie Community Centre/High School
Bike repair station, with wheel holder, and toolkit and separate pump stand.
4. Strathlene (below Golf Course)
Sheffield style bicycle stand with tapping bar.
Bike repair station with wheel holder and toolkit, separate pump stand.
5. Buckpool Harbour
Sheffield style bicycle stand with tapping bar.

SCOPING THE FUTURE OF MORAY PUBLIC INFORMATION SESSION



"The Local Development Plan Team said there has been a great turnout with lots of enthusiastic community representatives and a good exchange of ideas. More information on the Local Development Plan 2027 is available at www.moray.gov.uk/MLDP2027 "



THE SECRET GARDEN

The Secret Garden project at The Hub has been a great success. As part of the Culture Collective programme organised through Findhorn Bay Arts, artists Jo and Robbie delivered a variety of practical workshops in the garden at The Hub. People of all ages took part and created a variety of lovely objects, including painted stones, posh bee hotels, woven willow bird feeders and a large array of cyanotype photo prints. Hub volunteers worked hard to get the garden into shape for these events, and the positive relationship built with Jo and Robbie means that further projects are being explored. Keep your eyes on Facebook for updates!



BUCKIE HIGH

The pupils from SFL Dept. have been busy. We applied for "Back on our Feet" funding and successfully raised £3000 to build a Polytunnel. Support for the project from local volunteer group the Men's Shed provided the necessary input to help finish up the interior in time for our official Opening Ceremony on June 19th. We had a Coffee morning and Afternoon tea so friends, families our local community partners and businesses could meet our young people and have an opportunity to see the new Polytunnel. The ladies from Hays Travel forged a link with our PT Geography Dept. and the Travel & Tourism course that is being run for our pupils which has strengthened our relationship with industry partners.

The pupils received their Department Awards from Mrs Moira Taylor our Deputy Head during the Afternoon Tea, in front of proud parents, grandparents, families and friends to celebrate their achievements.

Since April, we have attended the Community Lunches at the Fisherman's Hall where the young people have experienced meeting and talking to new people, trying different foods and improving their social skills. They have met the volunteers and are due to have the opportunity to assist with the lunch at the end of October.

The Buckie & District Community Council have very kindly given us a cheque for £250 to help us get tools and equipment for working in the Polytunnel and the Health Improvement Fund application was successful and awarded us a further £1000 to purchase larger items like a water collection system, hose, wheel barrow, PPE, tools, composter and more. This has proved invaluable to us to get the project up and running. The school is now a RHS member and currently delivering a wider achievement award for our S1/ S2 pupils.



HEALTH POINT

SUPPORT AROUND MENTAL HEALTH

Mental Health and Wellbeing Practitioner: Help to rebuild your life. Available at your GP Practice. Call and ask for an appointment.

Healthpoint Buckie: Confidential advice and information. Seafield Medical Centre every Fri 8.30- 12 noon. Walk in service.

Moray Wellbeing Hub: Tell us about your experiences relating to Healthcare and gain free information about services available to you. The Hub, Buckie, every Tues 1-2.30 pm.

SONAS: Aimed at people aged 5 - 25 years, family wellbeing. Email sonas@actionforchildren.org.uk

LATNEM: Peer support for mums and birthing people. Weekly, face to face or online support. latnem.org

Discover Pathways to Wellbeing in Moray: an online tool to help you find support.

Breathing Space: free confidential phone and web based service for anyone with low mood, anxiety or depression. 0800838587

Samaritans: whatever you are going through, you can call 116 123, available 24 hours, 7 days a week.

Mikeysline: helps with emotional and mental health difficulties, 07786207755

HEALTH WALKS

Buckie Swimming Pool Wednesdays at 7 pm.

Burnside Court, Buckpool Thursdays at 10.30 am.

Come along for a walk, bletcher and a chance to meet new people.

Everyone is welcome.

Any questions please contact Morgan.mckay3@nhs.scot
[07976472156](tel:07976472156)



THE HUB BUCKIE AREA FORUM WITH FINDOCHTY AND BUCKIE DEVELOPMENT TRUST

A community hub for anyone living in the Buckie area

Benefits	Monday	10am - 4pm
	Tuesday	10am - 4pm
Foodbank		6pm - 8pm
Debt Advice	Wednesday	10am - 4pm
	Thursday	10am - 4pm
	Friday	10am - 4pm
	Saturday	10am - 1pm

17 East Church Street, Buckie
admin@buckiehub.com
01542 780624 (answerphone service)

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THE HUB

The Hub aims to help anyone affected by the cost-of-living crisis. It offers:

- information and referral to organisations who can help with money advice, managing debt, saving energy, food banks, clothing banks, etc.

- free Wi-Fi

- a school uniform bank

- free tea, coffee and company

- access to several visiting agencies, including Digital Inclusion, Healthpoint, Moray Firth Credit Union, Moray Wellbeing Hub, Peoplehood, and Social Security Scotland.

- a small store of toiletries, blankets, socks, hats & gloves for those in need

- emergency food vouchers for those in urgent need

- coming soon, a wellbeing garden and outdoor space

Although the focus is on cost of living, the volunteers running The Hub will do their best to answer any questions brought to them!

The Hub is run by Buckie Area Forum in partnership with Findochty and Buckie Development Trust. Find out more at <https://www.facebook.com/TheHubBuckie> "



AN UPDATE FROM MORAY PATHWAYS LOCAL EMPLOYABILITY PARTNERSHIP - BUCKIE

The partnership network have been very busy supporting residents of all ages in Buckie area. They have supported a total of 109 people, this includes 61 adults aged 25 plus, 43 young people and 5 parents in poverty.

This has included training with organisations such as the Social Enterprise Academy, Enable Works, UHI Moray Employability Team and Elgin Youth Development Group. Recently in Buckie Moray Pathways have offered:

- Specialist courses eg Chivas Manufacturing for those who wish to work in the distillery industry
- Drop in digital sessions at The Hub
- A jobs fair in the job centre
- A volunteer marketplace in the Buckie Baptist Church Hall
- Personal support sessions are available to help those preparing for work

To find out more visit their Facebook page or enquire at The Hub.

BUSINESS GATEWAY

Data from Business Gateway shows that Buckie is a hotspot in Moray for new business start ups. Between April and June, a fifth of the new businesses created in Moray were born in the Buckie Ward. Business Gateway provides free support, in person and online, for anyone looking to start a new enterprise - <https://www.bgateway.com/>

WHAT'S NEXT

- Information on allotments
- Collating the dropped kerb survey results
- Family activities feedback



YOUR COMMUNITY NEEDS YOU!

Volunteering provides individuals with a real sense of reward. Various groups that would benefit from your help:

A Better Buckie: abetterbuckie@gmail.com

Boys Brigade: mcint40@btinternet.com or call 01542 832999

Buckie & District CC: buckieanddistrictcc@outlook.com

Buckie & District Fishing Heritage: info@buckieheritage.org

Buckie Area Forum: admin@buckiehub.com

Buckie Christmas Cracker: buckiechristmaskracker@hotmail.com

Buckie Classic Car Show: enquire@buckieclassiccarshow

Buckie Community Hub: admin@buckiehub.com

Buckie Community Theatre: buckiecommunitytheatre@yahoo.co.uk

Buckie Friendship Club: buckie.friendship.group@gmail.com

Buckie Girls FC: lauraduncan1@me.com (M:07775868183)

Buckie Health Walks: morgan.mckay3@nhs.scot

Buckie Roots: buckieroots@yahoo.com

Buckie Skate Park: buckieskatepark@live.co.uk

Buckie Men's Shed: Buckiemensshed@outlook.com

Buckpool Harbour Group: jakamic@me.com

Coastal Creations: coastalcreations2019@outlook.com

Craft Day: souterliz8@gmail.com

Findochty and Buckie Development Trust: info@fabt.co.uk

Fisherman's Hall: booking@fishermanshall.co.uk

Friends of Seafield Hospital: linda.walls7btinternet.com

Moray Council- Alarm responders or social/ home buddies: volunteering.CC@moray.gov.uk

Moray Firth Credit Union: info@morayfirthcreditunion.co.uk

Moray Reach Out: info@morayreachout.org.uk

NESS: info@nesensoryservices.org

People Hood: jamesfarley@blackhoodgroup.org.uk (M: 07817037686)

Portessie Public Hall: portessiepublichall@hotmail.co.uk

RNLI: buckie@rnli.org.uk

Rotary: secretary@buckie.rotary1010.org

Salvation Army: buckie@salvationarmy.org.uk (tel:01542 832790)

Please let us know if there are any more groups to add to the list and we will feature them in our next newsletter.

