

Guardbridge Community Development Trust

Autumn 2018 Newsletter



One of the New Seats in the Motray Playpark

The **Guardbridge Community Development Trust** is a company limited by guarantee which was set up in December 2017 as a registered charity. It is looking to use the funding pledged by the University of St Andrews over the next 8 years to improve the environment of the village. The Trust is looking forward to working with all parties who have an interest in the village. At present we have 6 directors and 41 members. **Our first small success**, as seen above, is the placing of two extra benches in the fenced-off play area in the Motray park. These will be a useful addition for parents and grandparents to sit and watch their offspring play.

Our main objective, though, is to establish a community centre for all social activities in the village, a place which will act as meeting point for residents and therefore help to promote community interaction and social inclusion. To this end we are in the process of submitting an application for a

land asset transfer under the Community Empowerment (Scotland) Act 2015 which is under consideration by Fife Council's Community Asset Transfer Team.



Other projects that are ongoing include the **moving of the David Finlay Memorial Stone**, again in the play park, along to the present War Memorial in the Eden Nature Reserve park. The **71st Engineer Regiment** based at Leuchars have agreed to assist with this and, with the consent of the community and the family of David Finlay, we hope to achieve this in early October – in time for the centenary celebrations of the end of World War One.

A quiz on Fife place names and collecting tins have been placed in Dan's Goods, Jodi's Boutique and in the Guardbridge Inn: £1 in our yellow collecting tin, take a sheet, complete it and hand back into the retailer or hand in/post to Barbara Mitchell (details on quiz sheet). All entries will be collected on the closing date which is the 30th September. **A photography competition** is also being held. See posters on community noticeboards or on GCC Facebook page. Images can be taken with smartphone, mobile, camera or tablet. You can enter 3 images, all of which must be taken in Guardbridge. They need to be in a landscape jpeg format and at least 2MB in size. Send your pics to [-funfairdvdsfromajs@gmail.com](mailto:funfairdvdsfromajs@gmail.com). Selected images will go into a 2018 **Guardbridge Calendar**. All funds received will go towards funding our projects.

The **Bite 'n' Blether** over 60's Lunch Club will restart on **Thursday 18th October** 12.30 pm in the Guardbridge Bowling Club. £5 for the lunch first time attendees free. **N.B.** If you are under 60 and have mobility or health issues causing social exclusion you will also qualify to attend. **Contact: Cath Dyce – 07835 733739 or Barbara Mitchell – 07716 279006 to book a place.**

The **Bike 'n' Blether** cycling group continues to meet at the old mill car park every Wednesday at 10.00 am. Its aim is to get cyclists of any age or experience level back on their bikes. Guardbridge is fortunate as it sits on a shared use traffic free path. All welcome.

Note – the GCDT will have a stall at the **Eden Nature Reserve 40th Anniversary Event** in the 'bird hide' park on the 30th Sept. Please do visit us as application forms for membership will be available and you can hand in completed quiz sheets, meet the directors and express any ideas that may be of benefit to the Guardbridge community. Posters for the event will be on show in the near future. Volunteers are most welcome if they have found something that appeals to them.

Contact email susangay1967@gmail.com or phone 01334 839156 if you wish to become a member of the GCDT.