

BDP Newsletter - March 2025







Welcome to the March Newsletter. We aim to make this newsletter a useful resource to bring you all the latest community news, information on events, groups and activities along with funding and training opportunities.

Our free monthly newsletter can provide a focus for your community, so if you have something happening in your area, please get in touch and tell us about it, we would be delighted to help promote and raise awareness of all the fantastic things happening where you live.

This month we have continued our community spotlight with a focus on Hatton.

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Contact Us / Follow our links on Facebook

To learn more about Community Planning, please visit us online at Our Aberdeenshire¹ or on Facebook

To find out more about Buchan Development Partnership visit www.bdp.scot²

Community News



¹https://www.ouraberdeenshire.org.uk/your-area/buchan/

²https://www.bdp.scot/

Community Spotlight- Hatton



Community News



Hatton Area Residents Association

Hatton Area Residents Association tries to provide a voice for the people of Hatton and district.

HARA always welcomes new people who would like to join the committee or get involved. They rely on people giving up a small amount of time to support the work undertaken to make Hatton a great place to live in.

HARA Provides

- A Tool Library
- A local Newsletter

- A Notice Board
- Village Clean-ups
- Social events

Hatton Tool Library

The Hatton tool library provides an opportunity to hire out tools at a small cost. Tools available include: lawnmowers, carpet cleaners, hoses and much more.

Tools can be borrowed from the tool library which is located at the far end of Hatton Farm Gardens.

Equipment must be booked beforehand by contacting: 07518013678

Groups and Activities



Jog Scotland Hatton

Hatton has a Jog Scotland group of which all levels and abilities of runners welcome. The group meet at 5.30pm on Tuesday and Thursday evening's. The sessions cost £1 per session.

Hatton Rainbows, Brownies and Guides

Hatton Rainbows, Brownies and Guides meet weekly during term time, they have a wide varied programme to follow as well as playing games, getting outdoors, sleepovers and much more. If your daughter is interested, then please go to Girlguiding.org.uk and register.

Rainbows are girls aged 4-7 years old. Brownies are girls aged 7-10 years old Guides are girls aged 10-14 years old

Hatton and Cruden Community Pantry

The Community Pantry is open each Friday from 10.00 am to 12.00 noon. Based in the Pavilion in Mill Park, Station Road, Cruden Bay there will be an opportunity to enjoy tea and coffee and obtain a variety of foodstuffs (donated by supermarkets and businesses) which were surplus to requirement. The Community Larder is not a Food Bank. However, it does offer a local opportunity to share surplus food stuffs (ie the collection of tins and dried

goods that are lurking at the back of all our kitchen cupboards.!) We also have access to a fridge and freezer and can accept fresh and frozen items that are still in the use by date. This also includes home grown fruit and vegetables. The Community Pantry is open to residents of Hatton, Longhaven, Cruden and the immediate surrounding area. The project, which is being run by volunteers from Cruden Parish Church and in partnership with the Cruden Bay Community Association and Cfine.

Buchan Community News



The Revitalising Trusts Project

The Revitalising Trusts Project has so far released over £5million for public good. Scotland's charity regulator has told advisors and trustees of dormant accounts across the country to "act now" and unlock funds. The Revitalising Trusts project, a collaboration between The Scottish Charity Regulator (OSCR) and major funder, Foundation Scotland, has been working with legal teams the length and breadth of the country to release dormant charitable funds for public benefit. Over 300 inactive charitable trusts of varying sizes and purposes have been identified to date with funds often lying dormant in accounts for several decades and in some cases well over a century. Full details in the link. OSCR - Revitalising Trusts³

³https://www.oscr.org.uk/about-oscr/our-work/revitalising-trusts-project/

Grampian Wellbeing Festival 2025



We are thrilled to invite you to contribute to the 2025 Grampian Wellbeing Festival! This is your chance to showcase your amazing activities and events that promote positive mental wellbeing.

Event Details

We invite organisations to offer free events during May that align with the national 5 Ways to Wellbeing: Be Active, Connect, Learn, Give, and Take Notice. Events can be indoors, virtual, or outdoors and must be free of charge.

Promote Your Events

After the deadline for events has passed you will be sent editable posters for you to promote your events locally and on social media. We encourage all hosts to promote events alongside our festival marketing efforts. Your events will be promoted through social media, posters, partner websites, and a digital booklet.

Feedback

Nearer the time, we will provide feedback links for you and your participants to complete after your events. This year Scottish Care are collating the data on our behalf, and we are working with them to develop the wellbeing festival programme. Information on this is included in the link above.

We look forward to your involvement in supporting wellbeing across Grampian. Let's make this festival a huge success together! If you have any queries about the information above or form, please email gram.northpublichealth@nhs.scot

Trading Standards Scotland - General Advice

General advice for avoiding phone, email and text scams.

What to do if you receive cold calls or unsolicited emails/texts:

- Do not press 1 or follow any other instructions given in an automated message
- If you are speaking to a person, don't give them any personal information, don't agree to make any payments and never allow them to access your computer remotely
- Don't click on any buttons or links in unsolicited emails, even if they look official
- Contact your bank immediately if you think you may have made a payment to a scammer or if you are worried that a fraudulent transaction has been made from your account. Use the phone number on your bank statement or a publicly listed number (don't use a number given to you by a cold caller). To ensure that you are disconnected from the cold caller, phone another number such as 123 before phoning your bank or call them from another phone.
- Be wary when filling in online surveys or questionnaires through pop-up adverts on social media. These are used to generate leads for companies to cold call you.
- If you agree to a home visit by a trader following a cold call or online survey, you may want to ask a trusted friend or family member to be there with you to provide a second opinion.
- Never agree to a purchase or contract on the spot get at least two other quotes from trusted companies.
- Report scam calls and texts to Advice Direct Scotland⁴
- Report scam emails to the National Cyber Security Centre's Suspicious Email Reporting Service⁵

⁴https://www.consumeradvice.scot/

⁵https://www.ncsc.gov.uk/information/report-suspicious-emails

Funding News and Funding Opportunities



Funding News

Winter Warmer Grants Successful Grants

Buchan Development were successful in securing additional funds from the Poverty Alleviation Fund to enable them to awards more Winter Warmer grants. Click here to view the successful grant recipients.

Winter Warmer Grants⁶

 $^{^{6}\}underline{https://sway.cloud.microsoft/BJiaeAYwaQeb48Xq?ref=Link}$

Funding Opportunities



Shell Small Grants



Funding available: up to £750

Applications close: 9th of May 2025

Community Grants programme which seeks to support groups to keep their community facilities running and tackles some of the pressing economic, social and environmental issues they face.

Applications are welcome from constituted community run groups/ registered charities in the Buchan area.

Funding of up to £750 is available for those who have not received funding from Shell Small Grants within the last year.

If you would like more information or to discuss your project please contact: info@bdp.scot⁷ or telephone 01771 622071

Buchan Winter Warmer Grants



Funding available: up to £500

Applications close: 31st of March 2025

The Winter Warmer Grant Scheme is open to any constituted group that wish to provide a warm space. This could be for a newly created warm space or one already operating that would benefit the community by staying open for longer. The fund can be used to pay for any cost of living challenges being faced, for example increased heating costs to keep your facility open or to help cover the cost of food and refreshments.

The Winter Warmer Grant Scheme has been made available through the Buchan Local Community Planning Group⁸ and Aberdeenshire Council Coastal Communities Challenge Fund⁹ and is only available to groups within the BUCHAN admin area of Aberdeenshire Council. The Grant Scheme is administered through Buchan Development Partnership and if you would like more information or an application form, please email info@bdp.scot¹⁰

The Gordon and Ena Baxter Foundation

The Gordon & Ena Baxter Foundation supports a wide variety of capital projects in Scotland's North-east and Highlands, from shinty sticks and audio visual kits to cutting edge cancer research equipment. Applicants should demonstrate a sound management plan, evidence local support and fundraising and show a clear benefit to their community.

⁷mailto:info@bdp.scot

⁸https://www.ouraberdeenshire.org.uk/buchan-lcpg/

⁹https://www.aberdeenshire.gov.uk/business/business-support/funding/cccf/

¹⁰mailto:info@bdp.scot

Projects should show innovation and fit within five themes:

- Health and Wellbeing to support healthy living as well as good nutrition, including Scots culinary traditions;
- Arts and Heritage to promote and support arts and heritage to widen opportunity, access and participation for all;
- Conservation and the Environment promoting the conservation and preservation of our natural environment;
- Education supporting initiatives which broaden horizons, promote responsibility and increase access or opportunity for young people; and
- Sport to support amateur sporting activity, in particular those which encourage youth development.

Grants from £100 to £25,000 are available.

For more information: Applications | Baxter Family Charity¹¹

Vodafone Charities.Connected

Vodafone are providing free mobile connectivity to support charities in the UK tackle digital exclusion. If you're a charity that needs support for digital inclusion programmes, you can apply for free Vodafone SIMs, each loaded with 20GB data plus unlimited calls and texts to be used over 6 months. You can use these however you like - for example, to help stay in touch with service users, or deliver training to people in need.

For more information: charities.connected | End digital exclusion | Vodafone UK¹²

Kelloggs - Support for school Breakfast Clubs

Kellogg's has been supporting school breakfast clubs in the UK since 1998. The growth and success of these clubs is a testament to the benefits they bring including attendance, attainment, alleviating hunger and providing pre-school care.

They are proud of the role they have played and continue to play – by providing everything from cash grants and food to enable more than 3000 Breakfast Clubs to open their doors to feed children in the morning.

If you would like to join the Kellogg's Breakfast Club Network and receive regular enewsletters and access to exclusive offers, please email them at breakfastclubUK@kellogg.com¹³ and reference NETWORK in the subject.

¹¹https://www.baxterfamilycharity.org/applications

¹²https://www.vodafone.co.uk/mobile/everyone-connected/charities-connected

¹³mailto:breakfastclubUK@kellogg.com

Robertson Trust

Community Spaces aims to support local communities experiencing poverty and trauma in Scotland and is for registered charities with an annual income of between £30,000 and £500,000. Applicants can apply at any time and there is no set closing date for applications.

With guidance¹⁴ now available, the fund will provide revenue funding of between £5,000 and £20,000 per year, for up to 3 years, to support the costs of community centres, hubs and anchor organisations that are delivering and/or hosting a range of services and activities to meet the needs of their community. Applicants should show how the various services they deliver and/or host relate to preventing or reducing poverty and trauma for local people.

For more information: Community Spaces Grants | The Robertson Trust 15

Upcoming Events



¹⁴https://www.therobertsontrust.org.uk/funding/community-spaces-grants/

¹⁵https://www.therobertsontrust.org.uk/funding/community-spaces-grants/

New Pitsligo Visual Arts



Seedy Sunday

Seedy Sunday will be held on Sunday the 16th of March from 11am to 3.30pm in the polytunnels at Aden Country Park.

The event will include: stalls selling local produce, cookery demonstrations, seed swapping and children's activities. Entry costs £2 per adult and there is no cost for children.



Seed, Food and Drink Festival

Aden Country Park, Mintlaw
Sunday 16th of March
11am to 3.30pm
The event will inloude:
Food and drink stalls, cookery
demonstrations, children's activities and
more.



The St Olaf Run



Aden Music Festival



Groups and Activities



Maud Resource Centre

Old Mart Community Resource Centre

Deer Road, Peterhead AB42 4NE

Telephone: 01771 613962

www.maudvillagetrust.co.uk

MAUD CONVERSATION CAFE 1ST THURSDAY OF THE MONTH (EXCLUDING JANUARY) 10AM-12NOON



Supporting people & communities



Maud Resource Centre Deer Road Maud AB42 4EG



Tel: 01771 613962

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NEW PITSLIGO CONVERSATION CAFE 3RD TUESDAY OF THE MONTH (EXCLUDING SCHOOL HOLIDAYS) 1-3PM



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Forbes Court Sheltered Housing Low Street New Pitsligo



Tel: 01771 613962

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Cosy Cuppas at Macbi





FREE OF CHARGE



GREAT FOR SOCIALISING



These sessions have been set up to allow people to come into a safe warm environment to socialise and meet new friends. Whether you come alone or take a friend



HOT DRINKS INCLUDED IN ALL SESSIONS

WELCOMING FOR ALL AGES

Board games, dominoes cards and adult colouring books will be available to sit back and enjoy while socialising



MACBI COMMUNITY HUB, NEWLANDS ROAD, MINTLAW, AB42 5GP 01771 624593

Mintlaw Library



Newlands Road, Mintlaw

Craft with others on a Thursday night, 7-9pm. Bring whatever you're working on and socialise with like minded folk! Free of charge, everyone welcome.

Run for Fun





Men United

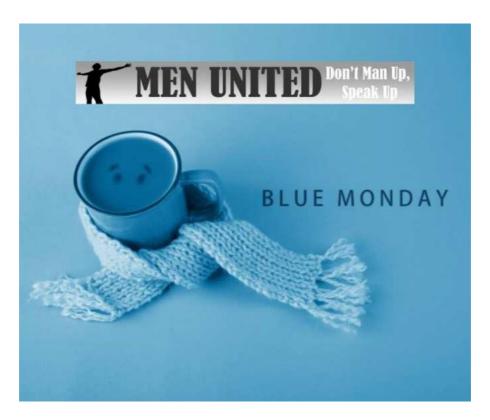
Our door is open & the kettle is on. We are open until 2pm, lets beat the Monday blues!

5 Union Street, Peterhead

Telephone: 01779 585205 or email hello@menunited.scot¹⁶

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¹⁶mailto:hello@menunited.scot



Auchnagatt Sewing Group

Meet at Auchnagatt village hall every Friday 7pm to 9pm. All sewing abilities and both machine and hand sewing are welcome.



New Deer Whist



Training



Training Workshops with Youth Scotland

Aberdeenshire Community Based Youth Work - Saturday 29th March

10am - 3pm

Youth Scotland will deliver a range of workshops.

Limited free youth work resource packs will be available for established not for profit youth groups following training.

Venue: Inverurie Community Campus.

This event is free.

Lunch provided.

Workshops throughout the day covering:

- Introduction to Youth work
- Youth participation
- Creative consultation
- Effective evaluation
- Bored Meetings
- Leading Games
- Introduction to Street work
- Managing Behaviour that Challenges

Local Directory for help & support



2024/2025 Buchan Winter Help Hub Directory



A number of services, organisations and community organisations have come together to produce this year's Winter Help Directory brings together information on the help and support available for a range of needs throughout the winter months of 2024 and 2025.

The Directory has been developed by the Buchan Community Planning Partnership for residents, families, community groups, services and organisations and will be updated throughout the winter months.

Click here to access the Winter Help Hub Directory¹⁷

If you have a project, event or service that you would like to have included, please contact buchan@ouraberdeenshire.org.uk¹⁸

Volunteer Buchan



¹⁷https://sway.cloud.microsoft/C3HEJ3oarlJa8M8G?ref=Link

¹⁸mailto:buchan@ouraberdeenshire.org.uk

Are you interested in volunteering? Any contribution big or small can help to make a difference.

Volunteering can be a great way to support your local community, make new friends, and learn new skills.

Find us on Facebook¹⁹

Age Peterhead



Currently looking for volunteers for the Age Peterhead office for a few hours a week, being able to work a computer would be an advantage. Also help with our Sitter and Befriending services

For more information, please telephone 01779 472331 or email: agepeterhead@gmail.com²⁰

Age Peterhead on Facebook²¹

Age Scotland²²

¹⁹https://www.facebook.com/buchaneers

²⁰mailto:agepeterhead@gmail.com

²¹https://www.facebook.com/agepeterhead

²²https://www.agescotland.org.uk/get-involved/volunteer/

Homestart, North East Aberdeenshire



Volunteering is so beneficial, but often we do not see the impact it has on the families we support. Here are some feedback from families who have been supported by a home visiting volunteer:

- "My volunteer has been such a great help for me. We went out on dog walks, and I found the confidence to then go out on my own with the dog. She has also helped me within my home when I've been unwell to keep on top of housework, it's very much appreciated".
- "My volunteer gave me motivation to get out of the house as I felt I didn't want to do anything".

This could be you making that big impact. Email the office for more information!

Your views - tell us what you think



Aberdeenshire Decides



We have recently launched our Playpark survey for 2025

We would love to hear how you make use of your local playground, or any playpark across Aberdeenshire. This will help us when thinking about any changes and improvements to the playpark estate. If you don't use a playpark, please feel free to pass on the survey to anyone who might be interested. The survey is open until 15 March and can be found here: Playground Survey 2025 | Engage Aberdeenshire²⁴

Rural Scotland - Communities surveyed on key priorities

Survey open until 17th March 2025

²³mailto:office@home-startnea.org.uk

²⁴https://engage.aberdeenshire.gov.uk/playground-survey-2025/surveys/playground-survey-2024

People living and working in rural communities are being asked their views on what government priorities should be to improve their lives. A Scottish Government survey will help develop the forthcoming Rural Delivery Plan and is an opportunity to take a fresh look at to bring about change and address the issues in mainland rural Scotland.

The Rural Delivery Plan will cover a range of areas, such as agriculture, transport, housing, health and social care, marine, land reform, population, skills, digital connectivity and economic development.

Click here for more information²⁵ and to take part in the survey ²⁶

Playgrounds Survey 2025

Aberdeenshire Council are seeking to understand how you feel about, and make use of, your local playground. This will provide valuable insight for the Council when planning any changes and improvements to the Playpark estate.

Take part in the survey here: Survey²⁷

²⁵https://www.gov.scot/news/delivering-for-rural-scotland/

²⁶https://consult.gov.scot/agriculture-and-rural-economy/rural-delivery-plan-vision-objectives-kpis/

²⁷https://engage.aberdeenshire.gov.uk/playground-survey-2025?tool=survey_tool#tool_tab

BDP Buchan Development Partnership, ways we can help support your community



We support new and existing community projects of all sizes by providing information and advice on funding, applications, governance and structure, project planning, feasibility studies, community consultations and capacity building. We offer free support to not-for-profit community organisation based in the Buchan area or with links to the area.

We would like to hear from you on what the issues are in your community? We can work with our colleagues and you, to try and address some of the difficulties you may be having, for example signposting you to training, funding, advertising for volunteers and promoting your events.

Is your group a BDP member or do your group wish to renew your membership and update your details? Membership is completely free. Please contact the BDP Office for a simple application form info@bdp.scot²⁸

Visit us online²⁹ or through our Facebook page³⁰

Contact Us



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²⁸mailto:info@bdp.scot

²⁹https://bdp.scot/

³⁰https://www.facebook.com/Buchandevelopmentpartnership

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To subscribe to this Newsletter, or if you would like to submit information or news to our next BDP Newsletter or get help and advice about a community project please contact:

Buchan Development Partnership on 01771 622071 or email info@bdp.scot³⁴

Buchan Community Planning Partnership email buchan@ouraberdeenshire.org.uk³⁵

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³³https://www.facebook.com/buchaneers

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