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Seaton Community Centre



Seaton Community Centre is located next to the primary school on Seaton Place East and is open for residents to use. Get in touch with the staff team for more information about the activities they have on offer.



editorial

How we get it all together

Seaton Scene is YOUR quarterly full-colour community magazine produced by Station House Media Unit (shmu) and is one of seven community magazines produced for Aberdeen's seven regeneration areas with the printing costs being met by the Fairer Aberdeen Fund.

In this edition we cover everything from the story behind Seaton's old totem pole, the new community council and shmuFEST. Enjoy the read!

If you would like to get involved and join the editorial team or if you have ideas for articles, you can easily get in touch with us. Please contact Rose at rose.ross@shmu.org.uk or call **07752586312**, if you are interested in getting involved. The staff at shmu are able to support and train anyone living in Seaton who are interested in developing their ideas and skills in either writing, photography or proof reading.

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TOTEM POLE RESURRECTION

We used to have a Totem pole in Seaton. It was on School Road on the corner with Seaton Road. Unfortunately, due to unforeseen timber structural rot; it had to be cut down during or just after COVID. I think we had all come to see it as a bit of a landmark in our area, a symbol of the independent and free-thinking attitude of those in the Seaton and Linksfeild community. It was a landmark that was known far and wide by the residents of Aberdeen and beyond. It was our Totem pole.

I decided to look into the History of the said "wooden sculpture", it seems that The Seaton Totem pole was erected in summer 2006. Aberdeen City Council was approached by Aberdeen born wood carver Kenny Grieves, of Brotus Rural Crafts. He offered the opportunity for the city to be part of a network of carved totem poles. Throughout Scotland with the chance to meet and work alongside First Nation Canadian and Scottish artists. Kenny's relationship with the First Nation carvers came about during a visit to Vancouver to study the totem poles and wood carvings. He met with artist Xwa-Lack-Tun and others and began to notice parallels between the First Nation totem poles and Pitish and Celtic symbolism. It wasn't until a visit to the North east of Scotland from Xwa-Lack-Tun and his now wife Jada that the idea and of the Scottish Totem Pole network was developed. It seems that there were over 40 totem poles erected in Scotland and that the First nation team came over and helped with the concept carving and erecting of the said poles.

The guys from Seaton came out in numbers to hoist the pole up after

the local children were consulted and involved in the design and implementation. Later some of the Seaton guys got a ferry up to Orkney with the Hopi Indians and Kenny to help erect the Totem pole up there.

We have gotten together in the community, with the Community Council, at the suggestion of those at the community centre with the help of NESCAN and other local interested parties. We are looking at erecting a large wooden sculpture in the future. Kenny Greivie of Brotus is not coming (for a rookie!) up by the way; Honest! We have yet to approach the Mannie with the large wooden Seagull in his garden, however diplomatic channels are being tentatively opened...

Please find the following links on the web if you want to overview the project, become involved or see what happened in the past...

<https://www.robertson.co.uk/news/aberdeen-totem-pole-restored>

<http://guidetoseaton.blogspot.com/p/seaton-totem-pole.html>

<https://www.brotus.co.uk/index.htm>

Mike Arthur



Seaton Park Friends gardening group planting crocus bulbs near the St Machar Cathedral entrance. This was done back in October so look out for some colour in that area in the Spring!

Provost Skene House digital guide

A new digital guide brings Aberdeen's historic Provost Skene's House bang up to date for visitors.

Visitors to Aberdeen's historic Provost Skene's House in Marischal Square can enhance their experience with a new digital guide on Bloomberg Connects, the free arts and cultural app.

The guide is available in more than 25 languages, including Scots Gaelic, and includes images and audio recordings by Aberdeen Archives, Gallery & Museum staff.

Users of the guide can enjoy a brief history of Provost Skene's House, which dates back to 1545, making it the oldest surviving townhouse in Aberdeen.

The digital guide to Provost Skene's House is the latest addition by Aberdeen Archives Gallery & Museums to the Bloomberg Connects app.

The guides to Aberdeen Art Gallery and Aberdeen Maritime Museum were launched in 2023 have been used over 4,800 times since they were introduced in 2022 and 2023 respectively.

GROWING FOR WELLBEING:

CULTIVATING MENTAL HEALTH AND COMMUNITY AT THE SNUG

At Aberdeen's SNUG Community Garden, something special has been growing – and it's not just plants! Our "Growing for Wellbeing" course brought together a fantastic mix of people, all looking to boost their mental health, learn new skills, and connect with their community. Led by the amazing Viktoria Szilvas, participants got their hands dirty, learned the ins and outs of gardening, and discovered the joy of working in nature.

Growth, in more ways than one...!

People come to the course hoping to ease stress, anxiety, or simply to find some peace away from life's daily pressures. They find a supportive group where people can grow – in the garden and personally!

Each session provided a chance to learn new gardening skills while participating in mindful techniques.

The impact went beyond fun in the garden:

Interest in others went up by 50% as social connections blossomed!

Feelings of usefulness and productivity increased from 6 to 10.

Participants reported improvement in physical activity and self-esteem.

By the end of the course, the participants weren't just better gardeners, they were also feeling more connected and relaxed. One participant summed it up: "We came out from stress and had a funny, relaxed time with friends."

Wellbeing in nature...

Feedback from the course was overwhelmingly positive. One participant said, "I feel good and relaxed in the garden." The simple act of gardening turned into a powerful tool for improving both mental and physical health.

Looking ahead...

The "Growing for Wellbeing" course has been a huge success, giving people a chance to connect with nature, meet new people, and find a sense of purpose. We're excited to keep this momentum going with future courses, helping more people take control of their wellbeing - one plant at a time!

Interested in joining? Register here: <https://forms.office.com/e/L1wk2SCNEF>

New dates will be announced soon, so don't miss out!

The SNUG Community Garden is run by FRESH Community Wellness. You can find out more about the community garden and how to get involved by attending one of their regular volunteering sessions – they are very friendly and anyone is welcome! – or contacting them using the details below.

The SNUG Community Garden,
Fresh Community Wellness
SCIO, Seaton

**Regular volunteering sessions:
Thursdays 10-12 and 2-4,
Saturdays 2-4**

Phone: Dave 07572112974

**Email: secretary@freshcom.org.
chair@freshcom.org.uk**



Seaton Community Council

A community council is a voluntary organisation set up by statute by the local authority and run by local residents to act on behalf of its area. As the most local tier of elected representation, community councils play an important role in local democracy.

Every local community can request their local authority to establish a community council in their area. They meet regularly to discuss issues affecting their area, including planning and licensing applications. All meetings are held in public, and residents are encouraged to attend their local meeting.

We in Seaton and Linksfield got together two years ago and decided to re-establish the local community council. With the help of councillors Alex Mcleland and Kairan Van

Sweeden and the indomitable Karen Finch fae the Cooncil! We were quickly up and running. We recently had a large, litter pick in the community and plan to do more in the future (once its nae sae caul). We have sorted out many local issues that affect our community which is diverse and long standing. We are involved in making recommendation for various local planning matters. We hope to help those with issues such as poverty, food and health in their community in a meaningful way.

The Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973, Part IV covers community councils.

The act states that community councils should: Represent the community's views and take action in their interest.

Community councils are statutory bodies in Scotland and Wales, but in England they can be statutory or non-statutory.

The role of a community council can vary depending on the needs of their local area. They can work together over larger areas in Federations of Community Councils.

We hope to do in the next twelve-month period a number of projects involving children, art, sculpture and the environment. We live in one of the most beautiful and ancient parts on Scotland. Please, please, please come to our meetings on the final Monday of the month at 6.30pm in the community centre which is attached to the school on Seaton Place East.

**You can contact us on -
mikeseatoncc@proton.me**

Imagined Norths and the Sir Duncan Rice Library

When I attended Aberdeen University once upon a time it was to the Queen Mother library that we retired to study into the wee hours of the night. Now right on our doorstep in Seaton, not a stone's throw away, we have the state-of-the-art Sir Duncan rice library on the university campus. It is a huge building and if you haven't been inside, I would recommend popping your head in for a wee look. It is fantastic and the architecture is reminiscent of the Gugenheim Museum of modern art in New York. When the sun hits the windows

on a winter night at dusk it is truly amazing! The outside glass was designer to look like the shifting ice flows of the frozen arctic sea, in case you wondered.

At the moment they have an excellent exhibit in the downstairs gallery called Imagined Norths, running until February. The exhibit looks into the myths, fantasies and misconceptions of 'The North', through items from the university's collection. They often have these types of exhibitions, personally I have to go back a number of times usually as there can be quite a lot to

take in at one visit. However, there is a wee café and the tea and coffee are excellent and at student prices.

This exhibition is about story telling from a Scots perspective and the narrative of fairy tales. They also do poetry nights with the Wayword festival in the winter, which are excellent! There a lot on at the local Uni campus and you can find out about it all on their website and buy tickets through the likes of Eventbrite. Give it a go, it's just a wee dander and what have you got to lose? If its nae use, there always the Makar!

The Joy of Giving.... Can you help?

Do you have any clothes or shoes that are in good condition, but you just don't need them anymore? Do you want to help make a difference in someone's life?

A range of male clothing items such as warm jackets, jumpers, t-shirts, trousers, gym wear and shoes are desperately needed to help one of the most vulnerable groups of people we have in the city. Please ensure donations are in clean, good condition.

The sizes desperately needed are: Small, Medium, Large in Men's warm Jackets, Jumpers and T-shirts 28in/30in/32in waist Men's jeans, shorts or tracksuit bottoms (sizes S,M,L) Men's footwear: Size 39-44/ UK 6 -10 There is also a great need for unused socks, boxers/ briefs. Any gym clothing would also be greatly appreciated.

We also get regular requests for football boots, mobile phones, charging cables etc, therefore would be delighted with donations of these items too. Highland Moss, which is on Constitution Street, Aberdeen is a drop off point for AARC. Opening Hours: Wednesday to Sunday 10am - 6pm. Monday 12 noon - 4pm. They are closed on Tuesdays. For further information or to arrange drop off or collection, email: jaynesmith@asylumandrefugeecare.co.uk or Tel: 07392 856117



AFRICAN WOMEN'S GROUP SCOTLAND

African Women's Group Scotland (AWGS) is a registered charity dedicated to empowering African women in Scotland by providing support, resources, and opportunities for personal and community development.

Our organisation focuses on several key areas:

Reduce isolation and loneliness to improve mental health.

Enhancing social, economic, and cultural well-being of African women through empowerment, education and self-improvement, workshops, social events, and advocacy efforts.

Offering support to help those in hardship with current economic challenges.

Supporting selected charities in Africa to promote global solidarity and improve the lives of African communities.

Encourage publications in order to document their experiences and working hard to provide and enabling environment for them to thrive.

This year, AWGS celebrates 30 years since it was founded in 1994 to support African women and their community here and in Africa. We are excited to Celebrate this

30yrs of our existence this with gala event, scheduled to take place on 23rd November at the Chester Hotel in Aberdeen. This special celebration is for the achievements and resilience of AWGS over the past 30 years. Also for the incredible work and their contribution African cultures, voice promoting diversity and inclusion. The celebration provides an excellent platform for fostering links with the local Scottish community, contributing to a vibrant cultural exchange.

While the primary aim of this year's gala is to celebrate our 30th anniversary, for the many initiatives AWGS to accomplished, we also hope to use this opportunity to raise funds to support our ongoing selected charities based in Africa. You can support us by donation or sponsorship or through partnerships. For more information please contact us by email or visit our website and social media platforms.

Email: africanwomenscotland@gmail.com

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Facebook: [Facebook: https://www.facebook.com/africanwomenscotland](https://www.facebook.com/africanwomenscotland)



Seaton Food and Fuel Poverty Meeting

On November 27th, the Priority Neighbourhood Partnership of Tillydrone, Woodside and Seaton held a meeting at Seaton Community Centre, with a focus on tackling food and fuel poverty in the Seaton area.

The focus of the meeting had been identified following consultation with community members and groups already connected with the Partnership. The aim was to bring together community members and groups who all shared an interest in addressing the challenges of food and fuel poverty in the area, and to identify whether there were opportunities for new projects and activities delivered in partnership.

In the end, only two community members attended the event, along with representatives from the Community Planning Team, SCARF, shmu, NESCAN ACVO, and Community Learning and Development (Aberdeen City Council). The event started with an exercise

to identify the assets of Seaton – what makes the community strong, whether that be a place, a person, a feeling etc. Attendees completed over a 100 sticky “bricks”, which will be used to build a wall demonstrating the strengths of Seaton. There was an amazing range of groups, places, heritage and people that were thrown into the (cement) mix. It was also a learning opportunity for many, e.g. those who had somehow been under the impression that Seaton Park was in Seaton!

Because of the smaller than anticipated turnout, the conversation ended up being more general. Instead of a focus on tackling food and fuel poverty, the conversation was more about the challenges of community organising in the Seaton area. Two main issues were identified: the need to recruit and support more volunteers in the area, and a strong feeling that community spaces for meetings, activities and events need to be more accessible.

Mike, a community member in attendance commented, “As a community member I am pleased to see the amount of interest, intent and concern from the partners in the discussion about Seaton. I feel that we can hope to make a positive difference if these meetings are repeated and the issues acted upon. We need you though however to turn up and give your opinion as a community member and interested party. The council and charity partners are listening, they just need community opinion and input to act upon.”

Despite the relatively low numbers of people in attendance, everyone noted the positive and engaging discussion, and there was a feeling that a follow up meeting would be useful. There are now discussions on-going about how to take this forward – keep your eyes peeled for further information! If you would like to get involved with your Priority Neighbourhood Partnership contact localityplanning@aberdeencity.gov.uk

ABERDEEN LADS CLUB INTRODUCES NEW CHILDCARE & YOUTH SERVICES TO TILLYDRONE

Aberdeen Lads Club is continuing to bring new services and activities to Tillydrone after it re-opened its doors earlier this year, following a major renovation project that saw its Dill Road building completely transformed.

The charity, which celebrated its 100th anniversary in February, recently introduced boxing to the community, having forged a partnership with Northfield sports club, Byron Boxing.

More than 30 eight- to 15-year-olds have been attending the Tuesday afternoon sessions, which are aimed at getting the youngsters fit and healthy, while also helping them channel their energy positively.

A new programme, 'Wednesday Wheels', has also been launched at 'the Ladzer', for children up to five years old. The relaxed sessions are aimed at bringing families together while providing young children with an opportunity to participate in healthy, active fun play sessions.

Charity manager, Angie Johnston said these new additional services are just the start as she looks to roll out a number of new activities, thanks to the venue having been refurbished.

She said: "The recent renovation works have completely transformed the charity's facilities, creating a modern, fit-for-purpose and multi-use community hub.

"The refurbishment project has created significantly more space

within the building, which means that we can offer so much more to our children, young people, their families and the wider community.

"A mezzanine floor was added to the building, which means we now have dedicated early years, after-school and youth rooms, as well as meeting facilities and multi-purposes spaces.

"Thankfully though we still have our large games hall and it continues to be a well-used part of our building.

"We also have more amenities including kitchen areas, an accessible lift, and modern showers and changing facilities."

According to Angie her priority after the building re-opened in April, was to get the club's second early years nursery launched – the first one being located with the Tillydrone Community Campus – along with Dill Road after-school club and junior youth club.

She said: "Both early years nurseries are run in partnership with Aberdeen City Council and funded by the Scottish Government, which means it's possible to access 1,140 hours of free childcare.

"In addition, our early years' service is highly regulated by the Care Inspectorate and we are proud to have scored highly in our recent inspections.

"As well as providing high quality education and childcare it also improves the well-being of the family increasing the opportunities

for parents and carers to pursue or maintain employment, education, and training."

There are fees for the junior youth club and the after-school club, but they are kept as low as possible.

Having achieved that, Angie is now looking to roll out a number of new programmes, which will focus on teenagers and young adults.

She continued: "Youth development has always been at the heart of Aberdeen Lads Club and so I'm really looking forward to bringing our young people back into the building.

"It's so important that we help our youngsters develop the skills and connections they need to take part in society and reach their potential, while working with them to build their confidence, support their wellbeing and give them a real sense of purpose.

"We'll therefore be introducing a mix of leisure and educational experiences to our current offering, which our older children can fully engage within a safe and fun environment, while also being supported by our highly experienced staff team."

However, Angie explained that the Lads Club is not just there to support children and young people, but their families too.

She said: "Building strong relationships with families is important to us as we aim to achieve and sustain positive outcomes for everyone.

“We are well aware of the challenges that people are facing currently, not least with the continued cost of living crisis and the fall-out from the covid pandemic. So we want to make sure that we are able to help wherever and whenever we’re needed.

As well as being used by the Lads Club, the Dill Road building can also be hired out for meetings, workshops and sporting activities by the local community, external agencies, other third sector organisations and wider city groups.

Angie concluded: “Thanks to a recent fundraising campaign, we have a fully-equipped facility, which is light, bright and spacious, but most importantly fit for purpose.

“We are already working with a number of other third sector organisations from elsewhere in the city, so that they can offer their services directly within the Tillydrone community, but would love to hear from other groups who are looking for space in the area.”

Aberdeen Lads Club, which moved to Tillydrone in 1984 from its previous home in Mounthooly, has been providing a wide range of childcare, youth engagement and family support services in the local area for more than four decades.

For more information about Aberdeen Lads Club or its services visit www.aberdeenladsclub.org.uk or call 01224 492672.





St Machar Credit Union:

Empowering Communities,
Transforming Lives

In the North of Aberdeen lies a financial institution with a difference - St. Machar Credit Union. For over three decades, it has been a beacon of hope and stability for the local community, offering financial services that empower individuals and families to take control of their economic well-being. From humble beginnings to a cornerstone of the community.

Founded in 1990 by individuals from Fersands, Woodside, and Seaton, St. Machar Credit Union emerged as a response to the lack of accessible and affordable financial services in the area.

In those days, options for obtaining loans were limited, often leading residents to resort to high-interest or illegal moneylenders. Recognising the need for change, the founders embarked on a journey to establish a financial institution that would prioritise the needs of the community.

After four years of perseverance, St. Machar Credit Union opened its

doors, offering a range of financial products and services designed to promote financial inclusion and stability. The credit union became a lifeline for many individuals and families, providing them with opportunities to build a secure financial future.

Jackie Weir, the Development Worker at St. Machar Credit Union, has been a driving force behind the organisation's success for many years.

Her dedication and passion for serving the community have been instrumental in shaping the credit union's journey. Jackie recalls the early days of the credit union and its evolution over the years.

"When we started out, there was a lot of scepticism about whether a credit union could thrive in our community," says Jackie. "But we proved them wrong. We showed that when people come together with a common purpose, amazing things can happen."

Jackie highlights the importance of community ownership and engagement in the success of the Credit Union. "We're not just a financial institution; we're a community-led organisation," she explains. "Our members have a say in how we operate, and their input shapes our decisions. That's what sets us apart from traditional banks."

Over the years, St. Machar Credit Union has expanded its reach, serving Seaton, Woodside, Tillydrone, and beyond. Its inclusive membership policy welcomes anyone who lives or works in the area.

"We're proud to be a local institution, deeply rooted in the fabric of our community," says Jackie. "We're here for everyone, offering support and guidance every step of the way."

Jodie Sim, an admin staff member at St. Machar Credit Union, shares her journey of personal and professional growth within the organisation.

“I joined St Machar Credit Union 10 years ago after undertaking the shmu employability programme. When I first started, I had no idea what a credit union was but thanks to the training and support I received here, I’ve grown into my role and gained valuable skills that have shaped my career.”

“As well as working here, I use the services of the credit union so I can see the benefits it brings. For example, using the services here paid for my first ever holiday, my car when I passed my test.”

“My father had an account here and unfortunately, he passed away. If it wasn’t for the free life assurance available with our accounts - because he had COPD and cancer, so not a lot of places would have taken him on - then we would have had no way to pay the £7000 funeral bill.

“It was a terrifying time for my mum who’s got vascular dementia. She’s got an account here, so she’s also covered under the life assurance. It gives us a little bit of peace of mind, because you don’t know when things are going to happen.”

For Jodie, working at St. Machar Credit Union is more than just a job. “I see it first hand, the difference it makes I know that I’m contributing to something meaningful.”

Michelle, an admin staff member at St. Machar Credit Union, reflects on the profound impact the credit union has had on her life and the lives of others.

“As well as working here more recently, I’ve been a member of St. Machar Credit Union for over 30 years, and it’s been a lifeline for me,” says Michelle. “From saving for holidays to helping out my grandchildren, the credit union has been there every step of the way.”

Michelle highlights the role of the credit union in promoting financial resilience and security among its members. “For many people, especially those on low incomes, the credit union is something that gives them hope,” she explains. “It offers them a safe and affordable alternative to high-interest lenders, giving them the tools they need to manage their finances effectively.”

Empowering the local community

Nicola, a loyal customer of St. Machar Credit Union, shares her reasons for choosing the credit union over traditional banks. “I use this place because it’s better for paying back loans,” says Nicola.

For Nicola, St. Machar Credit Union represents more than just a financial institution; it’s a place of trust and reliability. “I feel comfortable here,

knowing that I’ll be treated with respect and understanding,” she explains.

In a world where financial insecurity is all too common, St. Machar Credit Union facilitates empowerment for the North Aberdeen community.

St Machar Credit Union is one of the many organisations in the city which benefits from support from the Fairer Aberdeen Fund. Jackie, emphasised the importance of the Fund in sustaining the institution’s operations, explaining that it plays a crucial role in covering part of the staff wages, ensuring the continued functioning of the credit union.

Acknowledging challenges, Jackie mentioned the uncertainty surrounding the fund’s availability each year. Despite these concerns, she remains committed to navigating the financial landscape to uphold the credit union’s mission of serving the community.

However, as we look to the future, one thing is certain - St. Machar Credit Union stands out as a shining example of what can be achieved when communities come together for the greater good.

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“We’re proud to be a local institution, deeply rooted in the fabric of our community,”



Aberdeen FC Community Trust

Community Programmes by Aberdeen FC Community Trust

Aberdeen FC Community Trust (AFCCT) was established in 2014 and is the partner charity of Aberdeen Football Club. Providing support and opportunity through-out the North-East of Scotland for the past 10 years, AFCCT deliver a number of sessions which provide physical and mental wellbeing support to individuals of all ages. Check out our programmes below:

Health Walks

AFCCT weekly health walks are a safe and inclusive space for individuals to improve their physical and mental wellbeing. Over the last year there have been 50 walks over 26 different locations in Aberdeen City and Shire.

Community Hub

The Pittodrie Community Hub offers a warm, safe, inclusive space for individuals. Each week there is free hot food, tea/coffee and a range of activities. Various organisations

are on hand to offer free support on key issues including health, housing and fuel poverty.

Memories – Football, Social, Music

Memories groups are inclusive sessions primarily, but not exclusively, for individuals living with dementia/memory loss. Using memorabilia, vintage footage and guest speakers allows individuals to have a voice in a safe and supportive environment, to relive old memories and to create new memories. Topics include social history, music memories, sporting memories and football memories.

Football Fans In Training

Run in partnership with the SPFL Trust, FFIT is a 13-week programme promoting a healthier lifestyle through education and exercise. Stay tuned for sign-ups in the New Year.

Dons Families Together

DFT offers targeted support to

local families by offering a safe space for advice, activities, respite and food. Now on our third cohort since beginning in late 2023, we have provided vital lifeline services for the family unit experiencing challenges including Kinship care and negative cost of living impact.

Changing Room

The Changing Room is delivered in partnership with SamH to promote positive mental health and wellbeing in men aged 35-65 by providing a safe space to speak about past experiences and providing a support network for those who need it.

If you would like to know more about AFCCT and the Community Programmes, you can find us here: www.afccommunitytrust.org or [@afccommunitytrust](https://www.instagram.com/afccommunitytrust) on social media.

Contact us here: info@afcct.org or call 01224 650 400



shmu Turns 21 in Style!



Around 700 people gathered in Deer Road Park and shmuHQ to celebrate shmu's 21st birthday on the 22nd of September.

The community media charity couldn't have asked for a better birthday party than shmuFEST!

Guests showed up from across shmu's communities to enjoy the fun filled day. There was truly something for everyone, from live performances of poetry, music and dance throughout the day, to a silent disco, a BBQ, street art, craft, circus tents and more!

The day was an absolute hit with those who came along, across the day volunteers new and old attended, community members and partner organisations paid a visit. Here's what some of them had to say about the event, and shmu itself!



"The good thing about shmu is, it's open to everybody, you can see that looking round here, there's people from all walks of life and they're all enjoying themselves, there's not a frown in sight. Radio has been a closed shop for years; I started in the 70s and if you didn't know someone you didn't get in. But shmu opens the doors for so many different people for media, magazines, editing, they can do everything here."

PAUL HAZEL

"I thought it was a fantastic, fun day with lots of activities and really nice people! It was just great fun, I really enjoyed it, I liked the music, creating the artwork and listening to the stories."

MARK

"A big thank you to everyone who organised shmuFEST. It's been a good time spreading joy here in Woodside and a fantastic day getting everybody together!"

MIKE MELVIN



"I loved doing the dancing for Afristyle, representing and performing in front of everyone."

PERFORMER



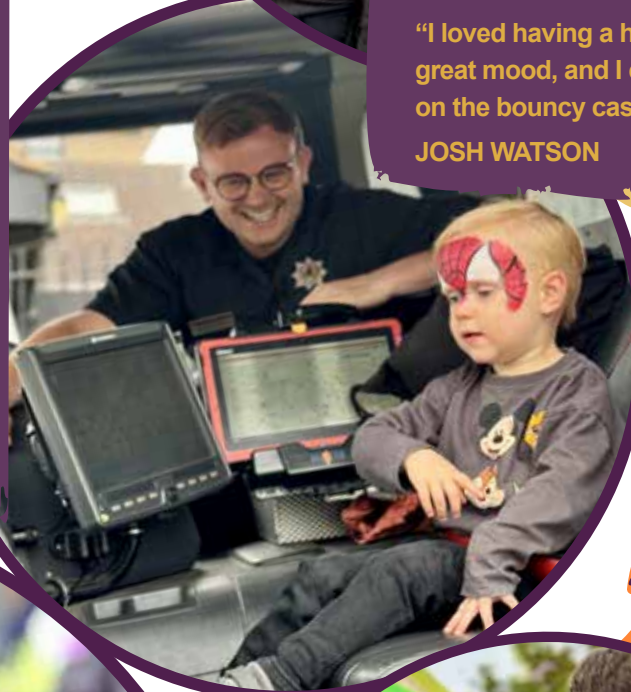
"It was amazing, there were lots of familiar faces around, the weather behaved nicely, you've got a birthday every year, so I hope to see something next year too! It was a great experience."

COMMUNITY MEMBER



"It is such a cool day today; I really love it. I hope it happens on a regular basis, wandering about I have seen so many people that I know from all different places. Earlier on I was trying to explain to my family what shmu does and I was like 'well it does this, and it does tv and it does radio and it does youth employment and all sorts of stuff. But I couldn't explain it, I couldn't put it in a box, but coming along to shmuFEST, that explains it, that gives you an idea of how all-encompassing shmu is and how many different people come and what an amazing opportunity it is for so many folk."

KIRSTY BLACKMAN MSP



"I loved having a hotdog! I am in a great mood, and I can't wait to go on the bouncy castle next!"

JOSH WATSON



"To have a shmuFEST and have us as guests is just brilliant! I have never been involved in anything like this before!"

MURDOCH

We want your photos!

We are always on the lookout for front cover images and photos for within the Seaton Scene.

If you like taking photos, whether it's nature/wildlife photos, landscapes or scenery, local landmarks or of events, we'd love to receive your photos.

You could even be the next front cover of the Seaton Scene. Simply get in touch with Rose via rose.ross@shmu.org.uk to find out how to send us your photos!



Mike Arthur



Rachael Lucas

