

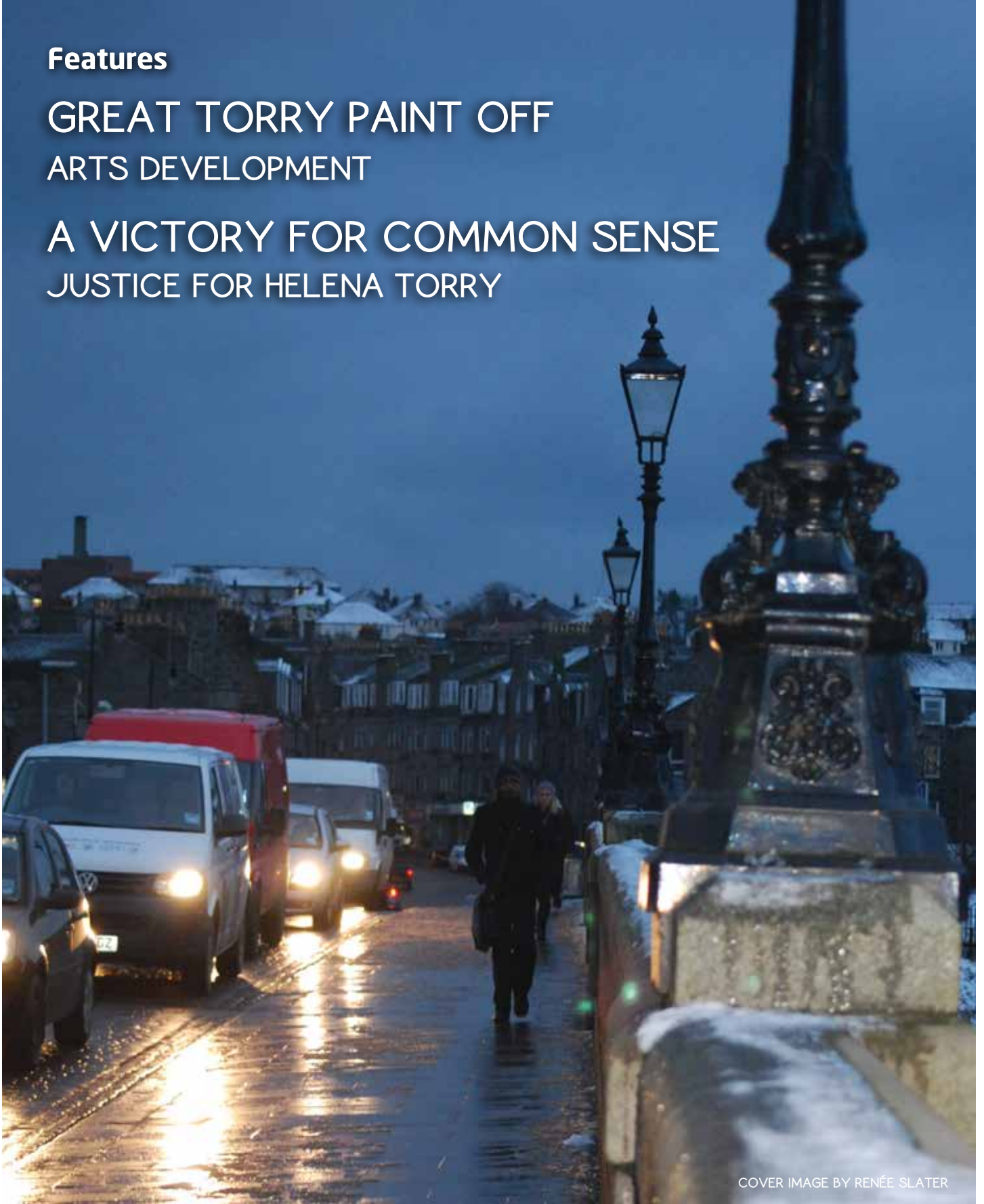
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Winter 2013

Features

GREAT TORRY PAINT OFF
ARTS DEVELOPMENT

A VICTORY FOR COMMON SENSE
JUSTICE FOR HELENA TORRY



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1. They are the properties under the Railing Bridge
2. Alan Reid
3. SHMU – Station House Media Unit
4. A village on the River Dee
5. Brambles
6. Two
7. A road leading to the Elizabeth Bridge
8. Under Menzies Road beside
9. 1495 by James IV at Arbroth Abbey
10. Torry Bar and Double Two the Dee.



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Editorial

Welcome to the Torry's Vision Winter Edition.

This magazine is put together by local residents of the Torry Community and the content inside the Torry's Vision is a fine representation of the activities and events which happen on a daily or weekly basis in our community.

We are a vibrant and creative village with a big heart. Torry's Vision is here to give a voice to the citizens of Torry. We all have something to say about our community – whether it's about bin collections, seagulls, traffic or more positive aspects like our artistic and musical talents. We now have an opportunity to ensure all of our community has an input.

If you would like to get involved in your community magazine or find out more, please contact Mary Clare at SHMU on...

Telephone (01224) 515013 · Email maryclare@shmu.org.uk
Thanks for reading and enjoy the rest of your magazine.



Hello From Your Woodlands Community Ranger

Hello there, I thought I would take this opportunity to introduce myself and what I will be doing in your community of Torry and on Tullos Hill itself.

My name is Stephen and I work with Aberdeen City Council's Countryside Ranger Service. Having worked with and for the communities along the North of Aberdeen (Northfield, Middlefield, Woodside, Seaton and Tillydrone to name a few) for five years, I am now starting a five-year project based in Torry and Tullos Hill.

The purpose of the project is to engage with, empower and enthuse all sections of the community living in Torry with a view to promoting outdoor learning through various activities. These can be based anywhere in Torry convenient to you and your group. I would, however, be keen to promote any sort of activity on Tullos Hill as this site is now opened up

and developed to create an excellent resource.

Activities range from one-off sessions with primary/nursery/secondary classes to a more prolonged set of sessions with the John Muir Award/Forest School to basic bushcraft sessions to health walks to art workshops to nature walks.

The nature of these activities will be client-driven (what you want) and should add value to what you do with your group or on your own. Feel free to ask with any ideas. This service is free.

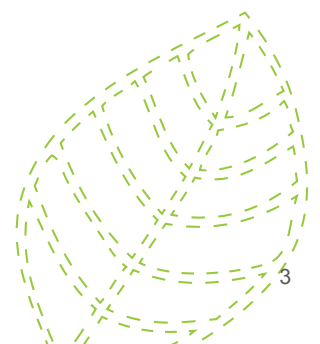
Another service I can offer is the development of outdoor areas for providers of outdoor learning. My team have worked extensively throughout Aberdeen city and improved/developed

areas to the satisfaction of the client. We have also helped community projects where simply stripping back an area so it can be developed was required. Again, feel free to ask with any ideas. This service is also free.

I look forward to working with you in the future and would ask you to contact me if you have any queries/ideas.

You can call me at our office on **01224 897 400** or contact me by email at stephenbly@aberdeencity.gov.uk.

Tara!
Stephen





The Failure of Success

In April 2011 a volunteer group of local residents accepted responsibility for the management of the Old Torry Community Centre situated, at 2 Abbey Place at its junction with Abbey Road.

With the limited facilities at our disposal and by dint of hard work and a conviction that we could make a difference, we have been able to turn around the fortunes of the centre.

Where-in lays our failure?

In spite of our best efforts we have been unable to persuade, far less convince, Torry residents that the future development at the centre depend on their active participation as individuals or groups.

If you are prepared to develop an activity in the centre, we would offer every assistance in order that your venture succeeds.

We would welcome any individuals that would like to start up at class or a group. There has been some interest in starting up an art class, but we would need someone who was eager to teach the class. Other suggestions have been setting up a darts and cards night and a reminiscing class, where people can share memories and stories.

Please get in if you are interested! You have nothing to lose and you and your community may have a great deal to gain.

We can be contacted on oldtorry@gmail.com

UPDATE ON SPORTS CENTRE

Currently we are in consultation with Sports Aberdeen with reference to the sports centre on Victoria Road. Again volunteers are needed in order to save the centre, so if you have time please get involved.

Councillors Comments

Cnclr Yvonne Allan

Well folks here we are well into 2013. I hope you all had a very good time over the festive season and are now back to the normal daily routine of life.

This year we will see the re-opening of Tullos Swimming Pool so there will be more for the folks of Torry to do and for all you who made the New Year's resolution to get fitter this year - get down to the pool when it opens.

There is also some more upgrading going to be happening in Girdleness Road which will also be welcome.

I give thanks to Hazel and all her crew at Balnagask Community Centre for all they did over the festive season. Catering for young and old and visiting the Balnagask and Torry old folks homes. You and your crew do a great job Hazel.

The volunteers at Tullos Community Centre also did well with their Christmas festivities including the children's Christmas party. Likewise The Old Torry Community Centre had success with their varied programme over the festive season. 2012 was a busy year for all of you and I wish you all well for 2013.

I have changed my venues for surgeries and now have a surgery at 6pm on the 2nd Wednesday of the month at Balnagask Community Centre, on the 4th Wednesday of the Month at 6pm at Torry Academy and 6.45pm at Ferryhill Community Centre, where anyone wishing to see me is welcome to come along.

I hope is 2013 is a good year for you all.

Councillor ***Yvonne Allan***

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Adult Learning in Torry

Following the restructure of Aberdeen City Council's Community Learning & Development Department last year, a new Communities Team was formed. Part of this larger team is the Adult Learning team. We provide learning opportunities across Aberdeen which focus on skills for life, learning and work, health and well being, parenting and family learning.

Our remit is to work with individuals to increase their skills and knowledge by providing learning opportunities which will make a difference to people's family and working lives. The Torry Academy catchment area (along with St Machar and Northfield) is a neighbourhood we continue to see as a priority when allocating resources and one of our Adult Learning Co-ordinators,

Alison May, is based locally.

We aim to help with:

- Reading, writing and numbers
- Basic computing skills
- Basic English for speakers of other languages
- Healthy eating, cooking and budgeting
- Building confidence and self-esteem
- Getting back into learning
- Getting into paid work or volunteering
- Life skills
- Becoming more involved as a parent

We do this by working with people either in small groups or on a one to one basis. A number of groups and classes are already running in various venues

in Torry and Alison will be aiming to set up more courses over the next year. If you would like to put your name forward for a class or work with someone you think might be interested, you can contact us in a number of ways.

For enquiries, or to make a referral, email:

adultlearningreferrals@aberdeencity.gov.uk or contact the Adult learning Team on 01224 498040

Visit our web and facebook pages -

www.aberdeencity.gov.uk/lifelonglearning/

www.facebook.com/ACCLifelongLearningAdults

Woolly Hats Needed

Do you have some spare wool and a little free time? Are you able to knit? Then following the very simple pattern below you could knit a woolly hat that would help me to help sailors from all over the world. Please do one or more, but each one really does help me to show the love of Christ in a practical way to the 80,000 plus seafarers who visit the port each year.

PATTERN: Using no. 4 mm knitting needles.

**Cast on 100 stitches
K1, p1 for 3 inches
Change to 1 row Purl and row Knit for 5 inches.**

Then decrease as follows (on every knit row only):

K9, K2 together to end if row.

K8, K2 together to end row.

K7, K2 together to end row.

K6, K2 together to end row.

K5, K2 together to end row.

K4, K2 together to end row.

K3, K2 together to end row.

Thread wool through remaining stitches and sew up. And that is it! Really simple (well that is what one lady told me!)

Contact: **Pastor Howard Drysdale, Aberdeen Seafarers' Centre, 184-192 Market Street, Aberdeen, AB11 5PQ**

Mobile:07754141076. E-mail: seachaplain@gmail.com

Policing Update

By Sergeant Ian Mckinnon



Over the last few months there have been many changes in Torry Local Policing Team, not least of which is the fact the Victoria Road Office has been shut to allow the building of a new purpose built office. The good news is that we hope to be back and set up towards the end of April and are all looking forward to being embedded back in the heart of the community we serve.

In the interim period, we continue to dedicate officers to foot patrols, to meetings and to schools around Torry to remind people we are still very much in the community. It is heartening that the area's crime figures continue a downward trend with antisocial behaviour, vandalism and violent crime all showing consistent reduction. That said, we take nothing for granted and continue to tackle reported crime robustly and look for ways prevent and detect it.

At this stage it might be worth explaining how the local team works and provide a bit of background to myself. We have five policing teams providing 24/7 cover to the area. Each team consists of a minimum

of four officers, and we have 4 Sergeants and 1 Inspector, and each team has its own additional responsibilities for the area.

I came to Torry in March 2012, and I look after two of the teams here. I also have responsibility for Licensed Premises, Road Casualty Reduction and Public Protection issues, amongst other things.

I've been in the Police for just short of 19 years having joined as a cadet and I worked in various towns in Aberdeenshire, both as a Constable and a Sergeant where I was latterly stationed at Huntly. I was also part of the Roads Policing Department for around 5 years and have served as part of the Search Team and also a Search Advisor. I even had a spell as a Constable in Torry in the late 90's, so I'm no stranger to the area.

At present I'm developing a plan to establish closer links to our licensed premises, which will be rolled out in December 2012.

My two teams are experienced, keen and very motivated to try and keep the downward trend in relation to priority crime going. We all agree that Torry is one of the best areas in Aberdeen to work, with a diverse culture and variety of work to experience. The 'town within a city' feel of Torry makes it, I believe, unique in Aberdeen.

We're always available to discuss any issue you have or provide advice, and we look forward to seeing you (back in Torry) soon.

A Victory for Common Sense

Renée Slater is an active member in the Torry Community, and is a regular contributor in the Torry's Vision magazine. In May 2012 Renée entered Helena Torry (a mannequin) into the local elections in May 2012. This left many councillors and officials outraged by Renée's actions and the whole incident was taken to court. However, after a high-profile legal case which made headlines worldwide, Renée was acquitted and is now concentrating on freeing Helena Torry from Police custody. SHMU managed to catch up with Renée and asked her a few questions about the whole ordeal.



What made you want to put Helena Torry up for election in the first place?

Although I felt there was a need for a bit of levity during a very austere election process there was an underlying political message. Few of the candidates were actually discussing the loss of facilities for people with mobility or learning issues. There was the disappearance of youth work in many part of Aberdeen and now community centre management committees are being forced to raise the money to keep their centres open and active; a big ask for places like Torry. Much of this work had ring-fenced money. When that was withdrawn by the Scottish government, local authorities were able to decide their own priorities without the constraints of having to worry about those most in need. I felt there was a need for a voice for the silent majority. Helena Torry was the obvious candidate.

What reaction were you expecting to receive from the council/ public?

I never expected anything but support from the public as the feedback I received when canvassing opinion prior to

Helena standing was very positive. As for the reaction of the councillors and officials - I expected a mixed reception and that is what I received. Most were obviously hostile but there were some positive remarks.

Did you have any idea that it would cause such a stir as it did?

I knew there would be a reaction - but the eventual publicity was certainly beyond my expectations. The media in the main were very supportive, with both newspapers at local and national level reporting the election. The BBC and Channel 4 were also very positive. The only people really upset were council officials.

How did you feel when you heard it was going to court, did you have any regrets on your actions?

I was offered 30 hours community service. This was instead of going to court and being sentenced. I felt that as I had not been sentenced it was very cheeky of the Procurator Fiscal to suggest I do the community service, therefore accepting my guilt. I refused the order and the inevitable outcome was a visit to court. As to how I

felt? I accepted I had a battle to prove I was innocent.

What was the whole court experience like, were you worried?

The experience was quite relaxing actually. My lawyer, Gregor Kelly, had a very calming effect on me. He was clear the prosecution's legal case was hanging on a shooglie nail. With this in mind throughout his legal support I wasn't too worried. There was an underlying worry prior to my court appearance that the legal problem would be spotted and I would be served new papers. Once it got to court it was too late and I was more relaxed.

Now that the court case is behind you, what is the future for Helena Torry?

Not sure yet! We raised nearly £1,000 for legal aid as I didn't qualify. There is around £450 left. This money will be handed over by Helena to the group raising money for a children's play area in Union Terrace Gardens. I am in the process of finding out if I can get a large charity cheque from the Nationwide Building Society. This should give publicity to the UTG cause again.

The Great Torry Paint Off

Over November, December and January competition of the art kind was heating up between local artists Naomi Leckie and Sophie Ormerod and members of the Torry community. Equipped with paints and brushes, Naomi and Sophie set out to encourage residents of Torry and the wider regeneration areas to try out different styles of drawing and painting.

This project was part of Creative Communities, Arts Development, Aberdeen City Council's programme of inventive and inspiring art projects for residents of the city's regeneration areas and is financed by the Fairer Scotland Fund.

Art workshops and events for all ages took place at Old Torry Community Centre, Victoria Road Park, Torry Academy, various sheltered housing complexes, Torry Youth Project and many more Torry venues.

The project kicked off with a pop up art and ice cream workshop at Victoria Road Park, with free ice cream and art activities. Kids and adults donned a moustache and a beret (essential artists' wear!) and recreated some recognisable master pieces; Mona Lisa with an iphone or a pet monkey.

To follow there were weekly adult workshops, workshops with children and young people through existing community groups, a Christmas craft making event on Saturday December 15th where all ages got together for some festive puppet making, up-cycled wreaths and mince pies.

The project in Torry culminated in the 'Here's one I made earlier' event showcasing all the artworks produced throughout the project in Torry and took place on Saturday January 26th.

Artist and tutor Sophie Ormerod said: "These painting workshops have allowed people's personalities to come out, they have found out whether they have tendencies towards consideration and accuracy or are free spirited and expressive."

The Creative Communities project continues in Woodside, Middlefield and Seaton, with all workshops and events open to anyone from the city's regeneration areas. If you are interested in taking part please contact us to find out more:

Facebook: www.facebook.com/creativecommunitiesaberdeen

Twitter: www.twitter.com/CC_Abdn

Blog: www.creativecommunitiesaberdeen.blogspot.co.uk

Phone: 01224 814740





Poem

Goodbye Mum

No tears could hide
The pain that day
The day the angels
Took my mum away

Why did you leave me
When I needed you so?

But I know in my heart
It was time to go.

But I know one day
We'll meet again
And walk by the crystal sea
Hand in hand once more again
My darling mum and me

By Alan Reid

Quiz

Torry Quiz

1. What are the Arches?
2. Who is the Historian in the Torry Vision?
3. What's the name of the Torry Radio?
4. What was Old Torry?
5. What type of berries grow beside Tullos School?
6. How many butcher shops are in Torry?
7. Where is Craig Place?
8. Where is there a big air raid shelter?
9. Name the two public houses which no longer exist in Torry?
10. When did Torry get a Royal Charter?

Answers on contents page

Hope you enjoyed the quiz,
Alan Reid

Recipe

Ingredients:

2lbs Sugar
Small Tin Condensed Milk
2oz Butter
1 cup of Milk

Billie's Swiss Milk Toffee

1. Put all the ingredients in a pan and melt slowly
2. Boil till it thickens.
3. Pour into a greased tray and mark when cold.

Enjoy!



Scottish Natural Heritage

Scottish Natural Heritage (SNH) is a relative newcomer to Torry. Funded by the Scottish Government, our job is all about caring for nature, helping others to understand why nature is important and how it can be protected for everyone's benefit.

We do this in lots of ways. We manage nature reserves, we advise other land owners, we provide grants for community and other groups and we encourage everyone to enjoy the outdoors, whether they live in the city or countryside.

SNH was formed in 1992 by the merger of the Nature Conservancy Council (NCCS) for Scotland and the Countryside Commission for Scotland (CCS). The NCC had an office on Rubislaw Terrace in Aberdeen since the late 1970s.

Another organisation, the Scottish Environmental Protection Agency (SEPA), who are the Scottish Government's advisers and regulators on pollution, have long been based in Torry. However, their building was getting old and expensive to maintain and as part of the on-going drive to reduce costs, we moved in April 2010 to a new, purpose built office - Inverdee House, at the junction of Baxter Street and Greyhope Road. We also share with the Joint Nature Conservation Committee (JNCC) whose specific role is to work on

nature conservation issues that affect the UK as a whole, such as advising on potential effects of things like oil exploration on the marine environment. As part of the new build, the Grampian Housing Association was able to have a number of residential houses and flats constructed, and indeed they are now fully occupied.

Again with cost reduction in mind, Inverdee House (which takes its name from the "Mouth of the River Dee"), was designed to achieve low maintenance and running costs. The metal cladding requires no painting and we have a wood chip heating system, aided by solar panels on the roof and a wind turbine. Use of resources is reduced and recycling has a very high priority. We minimise water consumption by using recovered rainwater to flush toilets and have showers and a secure bike shed for the many staff who cycle to work. From our windows in Greyhope Road we have the most amazing views of the harbour and of the wildlife, such as various birds, seals and of course the dolphins. Like some residents, many colleagues take a walk out in

the direction of Torry Battery for some fresh air and to enjoy the regular sight of dolphins around the harbour mouth – something that few people in Scotland are lucky to have right on their doorstep.

Our Tayside & Grampian Area manages SNH's interests in Aberdeen City, Aberdeenshire, Moray, Angus, Dundee City and Perth & Kinross. Our Area Manager, David Bale, leads a team of 49 full time staff. We have four National Nature Reserves we look after - three of them in Aberdeenshire and one at Loch Levein near Kinross. The Aberdeenshire Nature Reserves - all with visitor centres - welcome a wide range of visitors, including those who wish to make their own way round to organised groups of school classes, senior walking groups, students and so on. These reserves are located at Forvie (12 miles north of Torry), St. Cyrus (30 miles south of Torry) and Muir of Dinnet (35 miles west of Torry). Each reserve has a leaflet copies of which are available at the reserve or downloadable from the SNH website: www.snh.gov.uk

A Year in the life of the Balnagask Community Centre

Balnagask Community Centre had a sad start to 2012. Our long serving Treasurer, Nora Stephen, passed away in April, however, we carried on like she would have wanted us to and 2012 turned out to be a busy and exciting year for us.

In June we celebrated our 30th Anniversary by holding an old fashioned Gala. We had face painting and glitter tattoos, bottle stall, hoopla, cupcake decorating, home baking and much more. The children had a great time taking part in the sports day, on the bouncy castle and meeting Minnie and Mickey Mouse. A variety of local services also attended. All generations were involved, we had a keep-fit demonstration from the over 50s and youngsters did dance and cheer leading displays. A great day was had by all.

We also held a few events to celebrate the Queen's Diamond Jubilee. We held a Jubilee Singalong Tea Dance with Hyldie and Bob for the over 50s which was attended by some of the residents of the 3 local OAP care homes. We had a ball! We held a disco for the under 12s at the end of our Summer play scheme, where we had food, dance, games and glow wands.

We held Easter, Summer and October Play Scheme's for the 0 – P7 local children. We played games, did crafts, went on trips and bounced on the bouncy castle. We shall be holding the same play schemes in 2013, contact us for more information. Our adult members also enjoyed a few nights out and a Christmas Shopping Trip to Glasgow.

We have also held 2 family prize bingo's this year. One for funding our celebration gala and another to fund our annual Christmas

Gift fund for present's for the residents of Balnagask House and Torry Care Home. Our next prize bingo is on March 16th 2013 which we are holding in aid of the gene machine for the Anchor Unit. If you have any unwanted gifts for Christmas, they are always appreciated for our prize bingo. All prizes are donated by the members of Balnagask Community Centre, who are a very generous lot of people!! If you enjoy a game of bingo, great prizes, and refreshments with home bakes and are over 5 you are welcome to come and join us to help raise funds for this important equipment for the Anchor Unit.

We were also lucky enough this year for our children to have circus classes with Modo Scotland. The kids learnt new skills and took part in the The Port Parade

The Festive season is always an exciting season at Balnagask Community Centre. This year our children enjoyed a Christmas Party with a magician and a visit by Santa and his helper.

Our senior club had a pizza night for their Christmas Party. Our adult members had a lovely time at their Christmas party.

To end a fun filled year, we held our annual Hogmanay party. The hall was packed with all ages having a great time - seeing in the New Year with Family and friends.

Despite a sad start 2012 was an exciting, fun filled time for all our members. Here's hoping 2013 is as good.

From 0 to 90+ you are all welcome to come and join us at Balnagask Community Centre, call Hazel on 01224 871206 for details. Hope to see you there in 2013!



Health & Well-being

Torry locals and the residents of Berry Court Dyce have just completed a course in health and well-being in the community. The change fund provided the funding for Pathways to deliver the course.

The course was to equip local people for the real challenges that they face in developing community responses to health issues and becoming more active citizens.

The group worked through five different sessions relating to health and then did a research project.

The research session involved looking at whether people

reaching the age of sixty felt that it was better or worse than they expected it to be. Tasks were allocated and all members undertook a task.

A survey was carried out in Torry and in Dyce - two very different areas of the city, with Dyce being seen as a more affluent area and Torry an area designated for regeneration.

The findings were much more positive than had been expected. The majority had suffered disappointments and many regret not having paid enough attention to their physical health when they were younger, or making enough financial provision for later in life.

Despite the perception that the two areas surveyed are very different in terms of activity, economy and identified health issues, there were no marked differences in the responses giving.

There are many enthusiastic active over sixties willing to contribute to their communities.

Congratulations to Billie, June, Andy and Alma in completing the course.

Many thanks to Tesco for all the help they gave us plus the cuppie the cleaner made us. Also many thanks to those who attended the presentation.

Yours Aye from the Torry Folk.

a brief History of:

St Fitticks Church

It was around 800AD that a monk named 'Fittick' landed at the Bay of Nigg. He brought Christianity to the area. It wasn't till later on that the church was built round about 1198AD.

There have been many preachers there through the years and in 1829 the new Mither Kirk was built up the hill.

There ruins of the old Kirk still stand in the Tullos Vale to this day.

Alan Reid

The Tullos Burn

Where the Tullos Burn originates from I'm not quite sure. Maybe it's a tributary flowing from the Loch of Loiriston down the hill through the trees into the Tullos Vale.

It then makes its way through the vale and enters the sea at the bay of Nigg.

Alan Reid

St Fitticks Well

Rail Bridge - This is where I think the St Fitticks well originated on the coarse grass.

Beside the bridge it then seeped through the gorse bushes and then crosses the coast road, tickling into the little gorge down from the road.

Here the residue of the well lies for all to see.

Alan Reid

SHMU JOURNALISM COURSE

SHMU is currently running Journalism courses to anyone who lives within our seven target areas. The course runs for six weeks and is held once a week at SHMU. The six-session course will take participants through all the essential basics of journalism, looking at the following areas:

- **What makes a good story: news values and feature writing**
- **Differences between news and features**
- **Sourcing: How to find a great story**

- **What is a style guide and how do you apply it to your writing?**
- **Interview technique**
- **Research skills**
- **Writing workshop – how to get the most from your story and create engaging, lively copy.**

If you are interested in signing up for the next session please contact denise@shmu.org.uk or call on 515013.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

With 2013 now upon us, why not try something new...

SHMU is always on the lookout for new volunteers to join the team.

There are various things you can take part in or be involved in:

Radio: The radio department are currently looking for presenters to present local shows. If you live within the target areas and fancy getting some radio training then please contact adele@shmu.org.uk or call on 515013.

Youth Radio Training: If you are aged between 14 – 16 then you can sign up for new youth radio training which begins on the 9th of February. To sign up, pop into SHMU on a Saturday between 1 – 2pm and speak to Adele or Jody.

Community Magazines: Currently there are seven community magazines which all have their own editorial groups. All editorial teams meet up once a week or fortnightly, and each team decides what

content will feature in all three yearly publications.

Some editorial members write articles for their community magazine, others are passionate about photography and some just like to be involved in doing something positive for their community. Whatever your interests are, why not become an editorial member? All the teams are extremely friendly and welcome newcomers with fresh ideas.

If you're interested in becoming an editorial member, and want to know when meeting times are then please contact maryclare@shmu.org.uk or call on 515013.



Billie Arthur - One of our oldest volunteers - receiving recognition for all her hard work in radio and magazines

Station House Media Unit (shmu) is situated just off Great Northern Road in the old Station House Community Centre, Woodside. We offer free access to, and training in video and radio production, and magazine and online publications to residents of all ages living in Seaton, Woodside, Middlefield, Tillydrone, Torry, Northfield and Cummings Park.

Torry Lighthouse Festival looks to give community “feelgood factor”

A local partnership is moving forward with a community and arts project in Torry which it hopes will boost local pride and quality of life.

The Torry Lighthouse Festival was originally conceived to harness the community spirit and commitment of local residents and workers and promote partnership.

It is supported by Torry Community Council, Grampian Police, Aberdeen City Council, Aberdeen Community Safety Partnership, local schools, councillors and members of the community.

The festival wants to hold an annual, inter-generational and inclusive music event that is active, participatory and fun. Plans are now in place to hold it in June next to Tullos Primary School.

The organising group is now looking for more Torry residents to get involved in the show itself, by showing off their talents on the day.

Aberdeen City Council’s Convener of Education, Culture and Sport Committee Councillor Jenny Laing said: “This is a great example of a community coming together and working with partner organisations for the benefit of everyone in the local area and I am sure it will connect people before, during and long after the festival. I hope other communities across the city are encouraged and inspired by the Torry community to follow suit.”

Aberdeen City Council development officer, Colin Lemmon, added: “If you’re

interested in music, dance or drama then we want you to come and share your talents.

“There are even opportunities available to learn to play an instrument in preparation for the festival - we can help you learn to play guitar, bass or drums and support is available for vocalists too.

“Existing players and artists are also very welcome, get in touch and find out what support we can offer by calling me on (01224) 878927.”

Torry local policing Inspector, Jim Fraser, said: “I am proud to say a number of police officers have eagerly given up their own time leading up to and including the day of the event to show support to the Local Community.

“This is a great opportunity for a number of partners to get involved in helping the community organise an event for the people in the area who they work for and to give something back in their own time.

“It is also a great chance for officers to meet local contacts and members of the public, while working together on a worthwhile project, so we are very supportive and will provide assistance in a number of areas.”

Colin Walker from the Aberdeen Community Safety Partnership team said: “This festival will be a great opportunity for the whole community to come together and celebrate the fact that

Torry is a welcoming and creative community.

“There is a lot of ongoing positive partnership work in Torry and we have already begun to see the benefits in improved community safety.”

Aberdeen City Council’s young people development officer, Ellie Hepburn, said: “The Torry Lighthouse Festival will be an opportunity for families and the wider local community to come together and showcase their talent. This is an event in which the whole family can participate and fully appreciate what Torry has to offer.”

Sheila Harris, a local community councillor, said: “The Community Council is supportive about being involved at this exciting event which we are sure the public in Torry will appreciate.”

Nick Bruce, a local DJ and youth worker who is also a member of the community council said: “I know how much energy and enthusiasm young people have, so let’s give them this chance to show themselves and everyone else the talents they have.

“It will take a lot of hard work, but if we all pull together we can make this event the success the young people of Torry deserve.”

Any local firms who want to get involved in supporting the project should contact Julie Milne, Aberdeen City Council funding officer, on (01224) 493302.

COMMUNITY CONTACTS

Alcohol

Alcoholics Anonymous **0845 769 7555**
Drinkline **0800 917 8282**

Benefits

Benefits Agency Advice Line **0800 587 9135**

Crime

Crimestoppers **0800 555 111**

Drugs

FRANK – National Helpline **0800 776 600**

Dentist

Emergency - G-Dens **01224 558 140**

Doctors

NHS 24 Emergency **08454 242 424**

Electricity

If you have a Power-Cut **0800 300 999**

Family Planning

Square 13, Support & Advice **01224 642 711**

Gas

Gas Emergency **0800 111 999**
Gas Emergency with a Meter **0845 606 6766**

Housing

Emergency Repairs **01224 480 281**
Call Centre Emergency **0845 608 0929**

Police

Non-Emergency **0845 600 5700**

Samaritans

Need to talk **01224 574 488**

Social Work

Social Work Duty Team **01224 765 220**
Emergency Out-Of-Hours **01224 693 936**

Young Carers

Support & Information Service **01224 625 009**

Water

Scottish Water Emergency **0845 600 8855**

Alkohol

Anonimowi Alkoholicy **0845 769 7555**
Problemy z alkoholem **0800 917 8282**

Zapomoga

Agencja doradztwa w zapomogach **0800 587 9135**

Przestępstwa

Przeciwdziałanie przestępstwom **0800 555 111**

Narkotyki

FRANK – narodowa linia pomocy **0800 776 600**

Dentysta

Nagle wypadki **01224 558 140**

Lekarze

Nagle wypadki **08454 242 424**

Elektryczność

W wypadku odcięcia energii elektrycznej **0800 300 999**

Planowanie rodziny

Square 13 wsparcie i doradztwo **01224 642 711**

Gaz

Nagle wypadki **0800 111 999**
Nagle wypadki w związku z licznikiem **0845 606 6766**

Pomoc mieszkaniowa

Nagle naprawy **01224 480 281**
Centrum pomocy **0845 608 0929**

Policja

Zgłaszanie przypadków nie wymagających nagłej interwencji **0845 600 5700**

Samarytanie

Telefon dla potrzebujących rozmowy **01224 574 488**

Praca społeczna

Dyżur pracowników społecznych **01224 765 220**
Nagle wypadki poza godzinami pracy biura **01224 639 936**

Pomoc w karierze

Wsparcie i informacje **01224 625 009**

Woda

Nagle wypadki **0845 600 8855**