

TillyTattle

Autumn 2018



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TILLYDRONE GALA

LOCAL AWARD WINNER

TILLYDRONE
COMMUNITY HUB

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Welcome to your autumn edition of the Tilly Tattle.

In this issue we have articles covering the Tillydrone Hub, Sustrans and a round up of community events from the summer.

If you would like to get involved and join the editorial team or if you have ideas for the community publication, you can easily get in touch with us. The staff at SHMU are able to support and train anyone living in the area who are interested in developing their ideas and skills in either writing, photography or proof reading. So please don't be shy, this is your magazine written, edited and designed by the good folk of Tillydrone.

If you live in the Tillydrone area⁵ and would like to come along to the editorial meetings or submit an article then get in touch with **Laura at SHMU** on **01224 515013** or you can email her on **laura.young@shmu.org.uk**.

You can also view this magazine alongside previous editions on the SHMU website **www.shmu.org.uk** then click the 'PRESS' option.

Spring 2019 Meeting Dates

1st meeting - 7th January

2nd meeting - 21st January

Content deadline - 4th February

**All meetings are held at 10am at Tillydrone
Community Flat**

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CASH IN YOUR POCKET

Universal Credit (UC) is a new benefit which applies to people of working age (16 - 64). It will replace six existing benefits: Housing Benefit, Income based Jobseekers Allowance, Income Support, Income Related Employment Support Allowance, Child Tax Credits and Working Tax Credits.

Some people in the North East are already receiving UC but it is due to be rolled out fully in Aberdeen by the end of 2018 for all new claims. If you are already claiming at least one of the benefits being replaced, the Department for Work and Pensions will contact you to let you know when you need to apply for UC instead.

There are several important changes about how you claim and receive Universal Credit,

compared to the benefits it is replacing. If you need help to understand how these changes may affect you or how to go about claiming, Cash in Your Pocket (CIYP) can put you in touch with services and organisations who can help you.

CIYP aims to help anyone in need access the right support and advice to improve their finances. By providing a single point of contact, we can refer you on to the most appropriate organisation(s) to get the help you need.

For help and to find out more, contact Cash in Your Pocket on Freephone number 0800 950 4330, follow us on Facebook, or look at our website www.ciyp.co.uk.

Pathways in Tillydrone

Even with these challenging times for the job market in Aberdeen, Pathways continue to help people to find suitable employment and have assisted 102 people into work since the beginning of April this year. Some people move into employment quickly, only needing a CV updated and off they go, utilising contacts they may have from previous jobs to get into work. For others it is a longer process and Dave spends time creating a CV and coaching through interview techniques as well as providing motivation and, if required, signposting to other agencies for specific help with issues such as counselling or money and debt advice.

Dave says: "At the end of the day it is about what the client needs to move forward and get into suitable employment, often taking a side step into volunteering or training to gain experience or qualifications which ultimately lead to employment."

If you would like help to find work you can contact Dave Cook by phone on 01224 682 939 or by email at davidcook@pathways-online.org

Dave Cook, meets with people looking for help at the Tillydrone Community Flat, Alexander Terrace on Thursdays from 10am till 12.30pm.

Pathways – Helping You to Find Work



LOCAL FUNDRAISER TO TACKLE FOOD POVERTY

Aberdeen charity CFINE is to launch its annual fundraiser, Appetite for Change. The fundraiser sees local people take up the challenge of living on £2 per day for 5 days, and raising money through sponsorship.

Now in its third year, Appetite for Change 2018 runs from 15th – 19th October.

The previous two years have been successful, raising over £8,000 for the charity. CFINE are hoping that Appetite for Change 2018 will raise £10,000 of vital funds which go towards supporting vulnerable people in the north east.

It costs just £10 to register, and is open to anyone over 16.

CFINE, which stands for Community Food Initiatives North East, is a social enterprise and charity based in Aberdeen.

Dave Simmers, CEO said: “This campaign is a key fundraiser for CFINE and plays a huge part in raising awareness about food poverty. CFINE continues to see a huge increase in demand for the support and services we offer, including emergency food aid and financial support” adding “Appetite for Change challenges participants to spend a week living on a restricted budget to represent the challenges that others in the city are facing on a day to day basis”

In addition to running a food bank, CFINE provides financial

capability services such as benefits and budgeting, as well as employability and food skills training, which can tackle some of the root causes of food poverty.

Anyone interested in signing up can do so through CFINE’s website, or email info@cfine.org for a registration form.

All funds raised will go directly towards supporting vulnerable individuals, families and communities.

Dave said: “I would encourage everyone who can to sign up and take part in Appetite for Change 2018. Together let’s make 2018 its most successful year yet!”

Tidier Tilly

On Wednesday 8th August Tillydrone Network and Tidier Tilly did a clean-up at Riverbank School and the Lads Club. We collected seven bags of rubbish and we also got funding from the Fairer Aberdeen Fund Community Support Fund to purchase two 'no dogs allowed' signs for school grounds.

Tillydrone Network do a variety of different things for the area and meet on the third Monday of the month in St George's Church on Hayton Road at 6pm. Everyone is welcome to come along but if you can't make the meetings or would like more information please get in touch with us by emailing tillydronenetwork@gmail.com.



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Network Rail Work

Network Rail have been working to dual the track between Aberdeen and Dyce as part of the Scottish Government funded Aberdeen-Inverness Improvements Works. Over 12 miles of track have been laid between Aberdeen and Dyce and the work was finished by the start of September.

Once complete, the project will provide a day-time hourly commuter service between

Inverness and Elgin by December 2018 and a half hourly service between Aberdeen and Inverurie by the end of 2019, and increase end-to-end services to an hourly frequency in the longer term.

What do you think of the works? Let us know, we'd love to print your views. Email laura.young@shmu.org.uk, call 01224 515013 or look up Tilly Tattle on Facebook.



Tilly Gala



The Tillydrone Gala was organised by a sub group of the Tillydrone Network and was held on Saturday 23rd June 2018. The local community had a fantastic day with many fun activities which included: pony rides, bouncy castle/slide, climbing wall, face painting, Owl & Pussycat and many more. Plenty to eat from Lad's Club Community Organisation Café, fresh bakes from the City Church and ice cream and a candy floss stall.

There was also an excellent turn out from services with fire engine, ambulance and police car attending, the children had great fun sitting in the vehicles and the Fire Service had some hands on First Aid training by using the resuscitation dummy.

Also providing information were Tenants Association group, Health Improvement staff, Cash in Your Pocket, CFINE, Donside Community Association, City Church, St George's Church, Trustlens, volunteers from ADA, ACC staff giving information on the new Tilly Hub, asking for ideas on the naming of the building and rooms within the new centre, Tillydrone Flat and St Machar Credit Union.

Music was also provided by Station House Media Unit, Guarana Street Drummers and the Concert Band.

A big thank you to the Aberdeen Lad's Club Community Organisation who provided the venue, staff and volunteers who put 100% into the day. Also, a thank you to Riverbank Primary School and members of their PTA but the biggest thank you goes to the community of Tillydrone who turned out and helped in fundraising and making it a great day out in the sun!





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Erskine Logan
and Anne Knight



Shauny O'Driscoll Spirit of the Community Awards

By Kim McRobbie

Since starting as the Active Schools Coordinator within the St Machar ASG, I have been blown away by the strong sense of community and levels of support led by members of the local community. There are a number of community groups and individuals looking to develop and enhance the neighbourhood and opportunities available for the children. I have been amazed by the work undertaken in the area and the number of volunteers helping make this achievable. When I saw the Margaret E Morrison, Garthdee spirit of the Community Awards, I had no option but to celebrate this. One award in particular jumped out – Triumph Over Adversity – and one name definitely sprung to mind: Shauny!

When I started in my role as Active Schools Coordinator, I was aware that the Lighthouse Support Centre were running the Riverbank School football team and I was keen to meet these coaches and volunteers. Everyone was positive and enthusiastic about the team, particularly as they had just returned from a once in a lifetime trip to represent Riverbank and compete in the Cruyff tournament in Liverpool. Members of the community had mentioned the commitment and dedication of the coaches and volunteers and I was interested to learn about how the team was established. At that point it was clear that Shauny was the driving force for the team and he just wanted to give the children an opportunity to participate in the sport they love. For the past eight years, Shauny and the team have worked with squads

of 12 boys and girls, helping get them more active and enjoy the benefits that sport has to offer – improving teamwork, self-esteem and a positive sense of self. On top of the organisation and admin duties, they train on a weekly basis and play matches regularly throughout the year. They ensure that any barriers or challenges these children may encounter are removed, giving them all the chance to take part.

Seeing Shauny with the children highlights how important he is in their lives. Being a positive role model, Shauny ensures that he is teaching them the best morals and guides them to make good choices. He also acts as a link to the community and can relate to others who are also battling with adversities. As he can empathise with the children, Shauny goes above and beyond a typical volunteer. He not only wants to make a difference and give these children the best life chances, he understands what it is like to be on the other side of this. Shauny also encourages the young people to continue volunteering/coaching as they age, giving them a sense of belonging, confidence, new skills and an opportunity to challenge themselves. On top of this, he has helped them gain important life skills and opportunities to help with their further education and employment prospects.

It is apparent that Shaun will always put these children first and will do anything to prevent them following the path that he once did. He is a true local hero and face of the community. Helping run the football team, leading the M26 group and a regular member

at the Lighthouse Support Centre activities has enabled Shauny to recreate his life and give others the belief that you can influence the path you're on. You may take a wrong turn now and again, but by keeping focused on that final destination and helping others along the way, you can triumph over adversity!

It was hearing his story and speaking to the boys from the football team which gave me no option but to nominate Shauny for the Triumph Over Adversity Award. From this, the good stories kept on coming. He has not only changed his life, but he has undoubtedly been a role model and inspired these young people and many adults along the way. The making of a truly inspirational character, is one whose purpose in life is to inspire others and Shauny epitomises this every day.

To find out more about extra-curricular activities or to volunteer at a session, contact Kim McRobbie Active Schools Coordinator (St Machar ASG) KiMcRobbie@sportaberdeen.co.uk or 07825228173

*****Don't forget to follow us on Facebook: "Active Schools St Machar" *****

For more information about the Lighthouse Support Centre you can look up them up on Facebook or email office@lighthouse-abdn.org.uk. Their activities are spread out across the Tillydrone and Woodside communities at the moment but they will be based in the Tillydrone Community Hub after construction has finished.



Alcohol and Drugs Action in Kittybrewster

Alcohol and Drugs Action (ADA) is currently running a drop-in at Kittybrewster custody suite. This came about mainly due to the work we do within the custody suite with people who are detained and/or charged with alcohol or drug related offences.

Kittybrewster Custody Suite have given ADA a room which we can use every Tuesday morning, so members of the surrounding communities can access support. The drop-in is open every Tuesday morning from 9am-12pm for people living in the community including Tillydrone. People can attend and get immediate advice/information/support with regards to their substance use

including alcohol. We can also refer to appropriate external organisations such as housing, financial services and the NHS services to name but a few.

We also offer support to families who are concerned about their family member or friend's alcohol or drug use.

Though the drop-in is based on the same premises as Kittybrewster custody suite it is an ADA run drop-in and is a confidential service.

To access the service, you can give Donna a call on 07718772721 and I will be there to meet you at the front door. The custody suite at Kittybrewster can be found on 52 Great Northern Road.





Tillydrone Community Hub Update



Over the summer months work has continued to progress on the £6million state-of-the-art Community Hub in Tillydrone. Locals will have seen the building taking shape - the floor slab has been laid, the steel structure erected, the roof fitted, high level windows and louvres installed, and the underfloor heating has been laid.

Once the work to the external building has been completed CHAP will turn their attention to the inside of the building in November and then outdoor paving, landscaping and fencing will be carried out.

Away from the building works the Council's Communities

Team have been busy speaking to local groups, organisations and residents to get name suggestions for the Hub and the activity rooms within. The Tillydrone Hub Operations Group have met to create a shortlist of the best names.

Aberdeen City Council's spokesman for transport and regeneration Councillor Ross Grant said: "I am very impressed with the work that has taken place on site at the Hub so far. Every time I go past there is something new happening.

"The Tillydrone Community Hub has been built with community needs at the centre of every decision. We have worked hand

in hand with the community at every stage of this project, so it is only fitting that we let local residents play a full part in naming the Hub.

"I encourage everyone to like the Tilly Hub Facebook page @tillydronehub as you will be able to vote for your favourite name. If you aren't on Facebook you can cast your vote at Tillydrone Housing Office, Aberdeen Lads Club, St Georges Church, Tillydrone Community Flat and the Library."

The name with the most votes will then be chosen and announced in the autumn.

SPLATTERZONE

The Splatter Zone finale was a wonderful day celebrating the amazing hard work of our local artists as well as our community who have worked together in many art workshops. The finale itself consisted of homemade carnival games, an award ceremony for our artists, live performances and live art.

The Donside Village Wall that was once black and unsightly has now become the villages pride and joy. Many stated: "It's wonderful seeing the walls come alive with artwork" and many enjoyed the project as it kept young adults, children and even disabled busy painting and getting involved.

Throughout this project myself and those around me have learnt and gained so much from this project so much so I even managed to start my own business. This project I hope will have inspired many to paint and continue to be creative as they all did on the 25th of August.

DONSID VILLAGE FAYRE

The 6th annual Donside Village Fayre took place on Saturday 25th August 2018. The steering group Angi Morrison, Margaret Galbraith & Jack Ramsay were supported by the rest of the village members and pulled together a fantastic fun day. Jade Duffield, organiser of the Splatter Zone also had some great ideas for the Fayre and even managed

to persuade her dad, Jamie to make some carnival games. This year's event coincided with the launch of the Splatter Zone & Walk Spot which had a fantastic turnout. The organisers managed to encourage a number of local and city wide groups to attend and as usual we were joined by the Guarana Drummers who entertained us until the end.

Vlad's quote - The Wall Spot launch was tremendous, many people came and made great images and it was really good to see so many young people involved - we now have a legal Wall Spot that any artists can come and use. Please come to visit Donside Village and see our ever changing wall!

Photos taken
by Jim Currie,
Jane Fullerton and
Jade Duffield





JADE DUFFIELD-

"The Splatter Zone project has been an amazing experience, not just a learning curve for me but also a great opportunity for the community to come together and be creative. The workshops that we provided were thoroughly enjoyed and everyone agrees that having the hoardings painted with such beautiful artwork has truly made a difference."



JANE FULLERTON -

"Over the past weeks, it has been tremendous to see creativity, talent and enthusiasm displayed by so many in the community. Untapped artistic abilities, hard work and brilliant fun has been evident throughout, with kids, young people and adults participating in a number of workshops over the summer. The village has benefited greatly from both this inclusive, community experience and the finished result. It has truly brought art to the heart of this community and will be enjoyed by everyone who lives here and passes through."



Big News !!

Station House Media Unit (shmu) have secured £89k funding from Creative Scotland to contribute to the technical equipment in our new building. We will have new radio, TV and music studios and are still looking to raise another £25k to pay for the rest of this equipment through community fundraising.

So far members of the shmuCREW have taken part in the Kilt Walk, held a pub quiz and taken part in an afternoon of bag packing and managed to raise just over £2000 in the process. We still have a while to go and will be holding lots of events throughout autumn including a Rock n' Roll musical bingo event on Tuesday the 25th of September at Aberdeen Arts Centre. Tickets are available online for this event.

Keep an eye out on our Facebook page – Station House Media Unit - where we will be posting information of all our fundraising events over the next few months. Come and help us Pave the way to Woodside.

Our contractor, CHAP, are due to be finished mid-September but we are currently facing an issue with the car park as we have had to resubmit a planning application due to an issue with the surface. We can't use or access the building until the car park is done so this could potentially lead to a 3-month delay. Once the building has been completed and we are allowed access we will be holding a number of events for members of the public to come in and find out more about shmu.

BFI Film Academy 2018 – Apply Now

Applications are open for the fifth Aberdeen BFI Film Academy course, which runs from October 2018 until February 2019. Funded by the BFI and Creative Scotland and working in partnership with NESCOL and the Belmont Filmhouse, the prestigious course will include masterclasses from a range of professionals, culminating in the production of two short films. Participants are expected to commit to weekly sessions and occasional training and filming over weekends (see the programme below for further details).

How to take part:

If you are interested in finding out more about the course please contact us directly for more information.

email - bfi@shmu.org.uk or phone the office on 01224 515013

If you'd like to apply head to our website – www.shmu.org.uk to download an application form.

We really look forward to hearing from you.



COMMUNITY-LED STREET DESIGN PROJECT

Communities invited to help with design of improvements to Woodside and Tillydrone neighbourhoods.

Residents and stakeholders in and around Tillydrone and Woodside in Aberdeen are invited to take part in a community-led design project.

The project, recently launched on Wednesday 19th September, is run in partnership by Aberdeen City Council and Sustrans Scotland, and funded by the Scottish Government funding through Sustrans' Street Design Programme.

It builds on the street audit undertaken by Living Streets in 2017 with residents which identified potential solutions to address road safety along Hayton Road. The project team now want to develop a concept design that aims to strengthen the connection between Tillydrone and Woodside.

Between July 2018 and June 2019, Sustrans will work in partnership with Aberdeen City

Council and the local community to:

- Redesign public spaces so they feel safer, more attractive and sociable places to spend time in;
- Make it easier for people of all ages and abilities to travel on foot and by bike to local facilities in the area;
- Improve community connections between Tillydrone and Woodside; and
- Motivate and empower residents to influence decisions affecting them and their environment.

Emily Davie, Street Design Project Coordinator, Sustrans, said: "We are delighted to be working with Aberdeen City Council and the communities of Tillydrone and Woodside to improve the connection for people to move actively around the neighbourhood.

We are inviting all residents and stakeholders of the local area to come along to share their knowledge and ideas for change. We will be running engagement sessions and workshops in the

local area from September 2018 to May 2019 to ensure we put forward proposals that work for the whole community. Whether you live, work or travel through the area, we would love to hear from you."

Residents, businesses and stakeholders attended the first public drop-in event on Wednesday 19th September and shared their local knowledge on the area and ideas for change. This was a great start to the project and the information gathered will help shape ideas for the designs of the project area and will feed into our street model workshop in November.

Those who didn't attend the event can still add their ideas and suggestions for improvements to the local area on the project website: <https://tillywood.commonplace.is/> or by completing a survey at Tillydrone Library and Learning Centre and Woodside Library by Friday 5 October 2018.

To find out more about Sustrans Street Design Programme please visit: www.sustrans.org.uk/street-design.

Community Contacts

Alcohol

Alcoholics Anonymous 0800 9177 650

Drinkline 0300 123 1110

Crime

Crimestoppers 0800 555 111

Drugs

Drugs Action Helpline 01224 594700

Dentist

Emergency - G-Dens 111

Doctors

NHS 24 Emergency 111

Electricity

If you have a power-cut 105

Family Planning

Aberdeen Community Health and Care Village 0345 337 9900

Gas

Gas Emergency 0800 111 999

Gas emergency with a meter 0845 606 6766

Housing

Emergency Repairs 01224 219 282

Call Centre Emergency 0845 608 0929 or 116 123

Police

Non-emergency 101

Samaritans

Need to talk 01224 574 488 or 116 123

Social Work

Social Work Duty Team 0800 7315520

Emergency Out-Of-Hours 01224 693936

Young Carers 01224 212021

Water

Scottish Water Emergency 0800 0778 778

CFINE 01224 596156

Home-Start 01224 693545

Pathways 01224 682 939

Cash in your Pocket 0800 953 4330

Citizens Advice 01224 569750

Tillydrone Community Flat 01224 486641

Riverbank Primary School 01224 483217

St Machar Academy 01224 492855

St Machar Parent Support Project 01224 487813

Aberdeen Lads Club 01224 492672

St Machar Credit Union 01224 276994

Community Information for Tillydrone

Tillydrone Community Council

Meetings are held on the third Wednesday of every month at Tillydrone Community Centre at 6:30pm

Contact: lynniecee@msn.com

Aberdeen Lads Club

9:45am – 8pm

Contact: 01224 492672

Tillydrone Community Centre

Contact: 01224 493388

Tillydrone Community Flat

9:30am – 3:30pm

Contact: 01224 486641

Tillydrone Library

10am – 5pm

Contact: 01224 276975

New Councillors in Tillydrone

On May 4th 2017 three councillors were elected to represent the Seaton, Tillydrone and Old Aberdeen areas. Councillor Ross Grant and Councillor Jim Noble were both re-elected to represent the community and Alexander McLellan was elected to represent the areas for the first time.

Remember, even if these individuals were not your first choice, they have been elected to represent you and support you with any issues in the area.

You can get in touch with them in the following ways:

Ross Grant - 01224 346621 or 07738688458 or email rossgrant@aberdeencity.gov.uk

Alexander McLellan - 01224 346633 or email amclellan@aberdeencity.gov.uk

Jim Noble - 01224 522051 or 07748760557 or email jimnoble@aberdeencity.gov.uk