

# woodside free**press**

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## Editorial

**Welcome to the summer edition of the Woodside Free Press. This is YOUR magazine.**

We are here to help you find out what's going on in Woodside and connect with your community.

In our pages you will find news, views, reviews and features plus lots of opportunities to take part in training and leisure activities for everyone in the community, young and old.

Within this magazine we have news from Fersands and Fountain Community Project, Cash in your Pocket and some local history features.

If you have something you would like to say, some local issue you think deserves coverage, or if you would like to get involved by joining the happy band of volunteers that puts this magazine together, please contact Mark Lovie at the Woodside Fountain Centre on 01224 524926 or Laura at Station House Media Unit on 01224 515013 - or email [laura.young@shmu.org.uk](mailto:laura.young@shmu.org.uk).

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## Save Woodside Burgh Hall

### Dougie Thomson

The neglect of the historic Woodside's Burgh Hall is a subject close to the heart of the Free Press. The community have been nagging the council to do something about the building ever since it was 'mothballed' in 2012. Now it seems that the council has finally come up with an answer. It is to put on the open market. Why? Because that the cost of the fixing the roof is 'prohibitive.'

Local MSP Mark McDonald has written to chief Executive Angela Scott voicing his concerns. He says:

"The hall is a part of the city's heritage - built in 1834, it was the Woodside community's first ever school. It has since played a prominent role in the local area and until it was closed, regularly hosted a range of local groups, classes and organisations.

"As the local MSP, the community have made strong representations to me citing a number of local groups who have an interest in making use of the building if it was repaired and brought up to a usable standard.

"There are grants available for restoration of historic community buildings, and it may be that some initial support is needed for an appropriate community group to be brought together to take on the running of the hall. These are not insurmountable challenges, and the community must be given every opportunity and support to explore all options.

"Given that Woodside is a regeneration area, I think it is even more vital for the council to explore all avenues, including the possibility of community asset transfer to ensure that a valuable

local resource can be retained and put to good use by the residents of Woodside.

"There is a genuine concern that the building may be lost to the community if it is sold to a private owner, who may prefer to redevelop the site, rather than revitalise the hall for the benefit of the residents of Woodside."

The Free Press can only endorse the views of the Donside MSP. Woodside was once an independent town and still retains a strong local identity. Woodside Burgh Hall is among our most important historic buildings. There are alternatives to simply flogging it off to the private sector. The City Council shows not only disrespect for our community and its history (not to mention democracy), but a sorry lack of imagination to boot.



# Minority Ethnic Housing Project

The Minority Ethnic Housing Project provides guidance and informed housing related advice to people from Ethnic Minority communities in Aberdeen and Aberdeenshire.

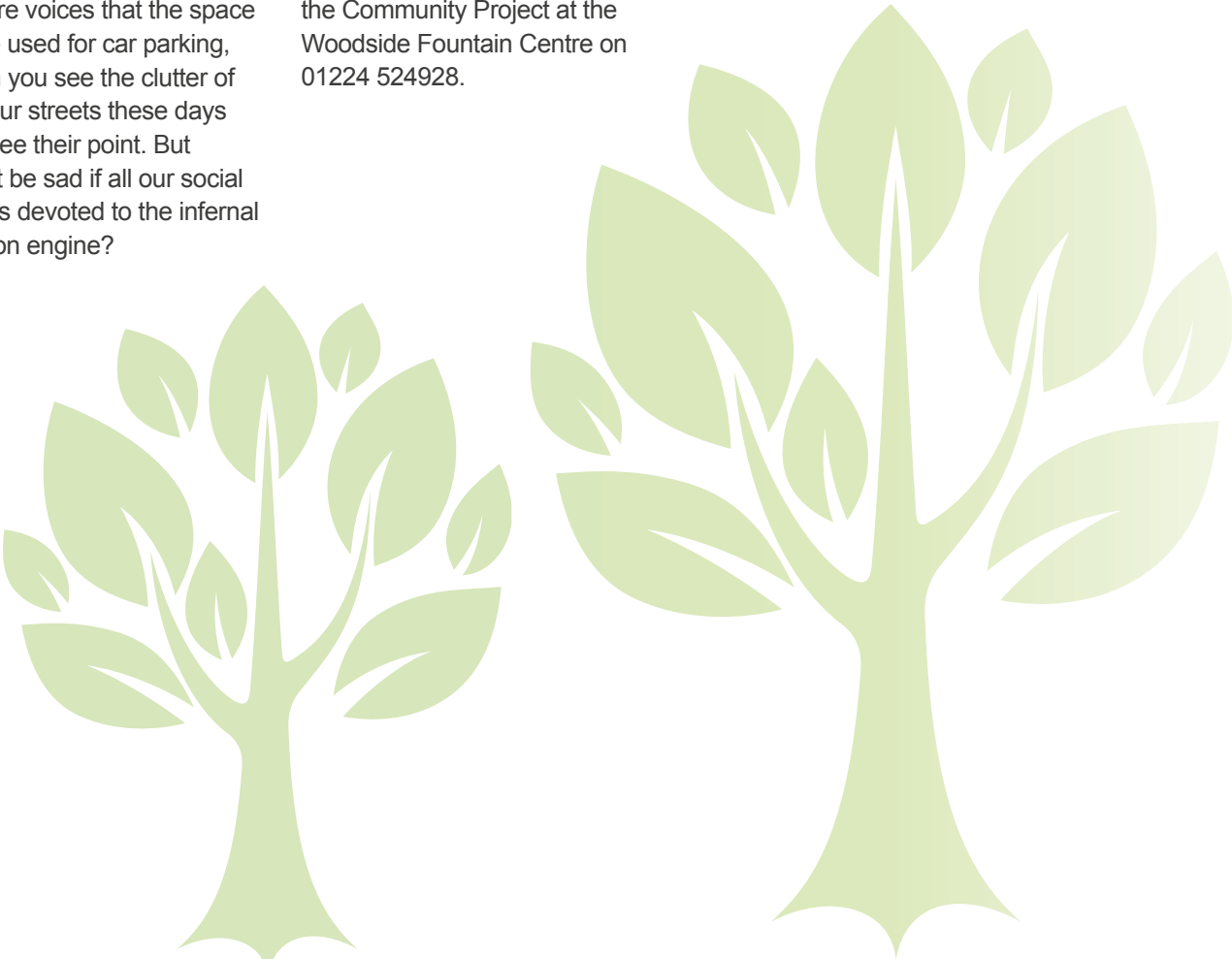
The project offers comprehensive free advice and support on issues relating to housing/homelessness, benefits, rights and entitlement, money and debt related issues. Support is additionally offered to support clients in completing formal appeals and liaising with external agencies.

Language Support is also available.  
To contact the Minority Ethnic Project Worker:  
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## New Park

Our new park at the back of Sandilands Drive seems to be a success. It's good to see folk picnicking, sitting chatting or just spending some time in the sun. There were voices that the space should be used for car parking, and when you see the clutter of traffic in our streets these days you can see their point. But wouldn't it be sad if all our social space was devoted to the infernal combustion engine?

The next stage, for next spring, is to get some people together to get something growing in and around the area. Any ideas? Potential volunteers should contact the Community Project at the Woodside Fountain Centre on 01224 524928.



## Stumped

It was a sad and sorry sight to see council workmen finally getting round to removing the dead trees around Fersands. Street trees do add so much to our local environment, and the mature limes around Woodside are real beauties.

The trouble with these trees is that the bark is easily stripped off, and some local kids seem to take great delight in doing just that. Of course, this leads to the slow death of the tree.

There's nothing malicious in this activity, it's just that the kids don't realise the damage they are doing. The answer? Education I suppose, or adults doing the odd bit of reprimanding. A simple picture of a tree in bloom compared to a brown stump might do the trick.



## VOLUNTEERING BLUES

I'm having trouble sleeping these days. I get off to sleep all right, only to wake up at some ungodly hour. I end up hearing a lot of late night radio.

I read somewhere that's it's all to do with human evolution. The young of the tribe need their rest, so it's the old that are aware at night, listening for danger.

For some reason the subject came up last time I signed on the dole. My 'work coach' commented: 'It's maybe because you're spending all that time in idleness.'

'Why do you assume that?' I replied. In fact, I had just returned from a 150 trek across the highlands. I produce several hours of radio shows a week. I'm on several committees, involved with a theatre group and contribute to all sorts of local projects. I'm positively hyperactive.

But the assumption of idleness is

something you hear all the time. Money makes not only the world go round but our minds as well. You're either making money or you're lying comatose in your scratcher.

But paid employment and work is not the same thing. Old Vincent van Gogh only sold one painting in his life, but there's no lack of passion in his work. And passion is the operative word. There are a lucky few who get paid for what they love doing, but for most employment is the 'daily grind', living for the weekend where they can be themselves. The great thing about volunteering is that you can put the passion back into your everyday activity. And because you are there of your own free will, the 'boss' has little or no power over you.

But the big problem with this rosy picture is the danger of exploitation. I recently went along

to an interview about volunteering to teach English as a Second Language. I quickly found out that the organisation had recently lost its funding, had sacked its teachers and were now looking for 'volunteers' to do the work for free. This was a step too far. Isn't volunteering for such work only encouraging employers to sack yet more workers?

But in this world of early retirement, redundancy, under-employment and zero hours, volunteering is a way of keeping busy and giving you the feeling that you're giving something to the world around you. It may even help you sleep a little better.

Interested in local volunteering opportunities in Woodside? Shmu, Fersands Community Project, Instant Neighbour. Woodside Parish Church, Printfield Community Project would all love to hear from your





## Transforming the internet into a safe space

### Local charity Choices Aberdeen go online with their new counselling service

Choices Aberdeen is passionate about getting people talking about difficult issues, and helping them find closure and healing by giving them a safe space to open up and be listened to. This is the motivation behind our crisis pregnancy counselling service, which exists for women and couples facing an unexpected pregnancy. Our counselling service extends to anyone facing mixed emotions following a termination, or for those who are grieving following a miscarriage or baby loss. We offer, in the words of one of our past clients, 'a place where I could talk, cry and have space to just be.'

In a society where we increasingly live our lives online, we can benefit from the ability this gives us to communicate in new and creative ways. For a lot of people, online

spaces are where they find their identity and feel most safe to talk about their problems. At Choices we always want to find new ways to reach out to people, and take full advantage of these changing attitudes. With this in mind, we have recently created an online counselling service. Accessed via a secure server, this allows clients to speak to find that 'space to just be' without ever having to leave the safety of their home. For those with busy parenting or work schedules, or who just don't feel ready for face-to-face counselling, this is an ideal option.

Whilst the internet is a valuable resource, we are also aware that, especially for young people, the internet can be an increasingly risky and frightening place. If you go to St Machar Academy you may have seen our youth

team about in school, where you can recognise us by our purple hoodies. We run events to promote positive relationships, and put on workshops to get you all talking about resilience, peer pressure, exploitation and the role of social media in our relationships. The youth team keep up to date with developments in technology, and use our workshops and drop-ins to promote online safety and make young people aware of the risks out there. We want to make sure that young people are getting the most out of the technology they use and staying safe as they do so.

To seek help, for more information, or to request a workshop or counselling session, call us on 01224 624900, or check out our website: [www.choicesaberdeen.org.uk](http://www.choicesaberdeen.org.uk).

## Woodside Juniors

Kids from the Woodside Juniors group have been getting out and about in the community to tackle an ongoing issue in many communities – dog mess. The group have collected juice bottles, cut out a hole in them and filled them with dog poop bags which people can use when they're out walking their dogs. They initially attached these bottles to fences throughout the Fersands area and along some parts of Great Northern Road. The kids from the

Printfield side of Woodside asked if they could do the Printfield community as well so off they went!

The group do lots of activities but wanted to do more to benefit their community. After the summer holidays there will be spaces for new kids to join the group which meets on a Tuesday at 6pm. They also have a group for secondary school age kids on a Thursday evening from 6pm.

## Do You Look After Someone?

Come and join us at  
Woodside Activity Centre  
Carers Cafe

314 Clifton Road | Aberdeen |  
AB24 4HQ

**Tuesday 12 September 2017**  
**10-12pm**

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**10-12pm**

We look forward to seeing you!

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## Printfield Project Creche Summer Activites

We hope to make this summer's activity for the crèche children as exciting, challenging and fun as last year. We went to Seaton Park on Friday and for the first time the children played on the swings and the new train. The train was a big hit as they could play hide and seek and slide down the chutes. The new climbing frame was a bit of a challenge, as it is meant for older children but they managed very well and had a great time.

We have also been up to Hazelhead to see the small animal enclosures and the reptile house and play on the outdoor play equipment.

Other trips included Wynford farm, KC Kangaroos, the beach and a family trip to Blair Drummond Safari Park in August.

**Jim Duncan Family  
Development Worker**

## Fersands Playscheme

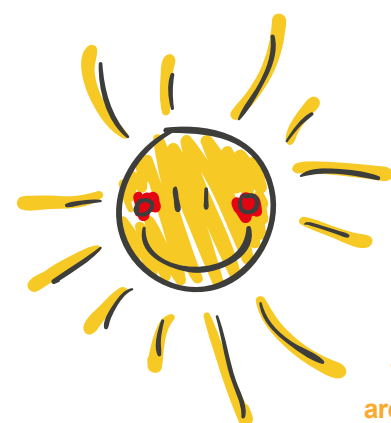
Summer arrived which meant lots of fun activities, camps and trips for all the children at Fersands and Fountain Community Project!

It is so great to see kids relaxing, laughing, making friends, having fun and learning. It gives them a chance to be creative and visit new places.

All the kids have a big influence on the activities and camps during the holidays. The kid's needs and wishes are first priority.

Every year fantastic volunteers help out at trips, activities and camps.

The feedback from the kids is always fantastic and hopefully kids will continue to have a great summer vacation and build some great memories!



There are a lot of parks in the community for children in Woodside. With a least 4 of these parks being a 5-minute walk from the Woodside Community Centre the children thought it would be good opportunity for them to experience the different parks in the area during their holiday club.

### Deer Road Park

Deer road park is always a favourite with children at holiday club. There is lots of different equipment and lots of greenspace as well as pitch to play football and bench to have picnic on. It's a great morning or afternoon spent there the only issue that the children came across was lack of toilets. If there had been toilets the children would have stayed all day.

## WOODSIDE AFTER SCHOOL CLUB'S REVIEW OF OUR PARKS

### Marquis Road Park

Marquis Road Park is a new park in the area next to the community centre and aimed at younger children. This has given the afterschool club an outdoor play space which we have not had since the football pitch and swings next to the community centre were taken away to make way for the health centre. The children have loved being able to get outside, not just during holiday club, but in normal afterschool club as well. The children really enjoy the equipment especially the blue spinning thing - we have no idea what it is really called but it's great fun. They enjoy the fact that there is green space to play football and generally run about.

Gyta, age 8, said: *"The park needs benches to sit on and we need a zip line."*

Megan, age 10, said: *"I think there should be benches and bins to help*

*keep it nice and also dog should be on leads"*

### Printfield Park, on Pirie's Lane

We have a lovely afternoon at Printfield Park, the children and the adults at the park were very welcoming and the equipment is good. It has been sponsored by the Wooden Spoon but it could be doing with being up dated as some of it was damaged. It is an amazing space which is quite enclosed so you can just let the children play without worrying. It has two picnic benches so we could give the children snack there easily. Although we were having a lovely afternoon at the park we had to leave due to a dog not being on a lead and chewing the equipment. The children did however enjoy playing hide and seek at the park.

Gyta, age 8, said: *"I think no dogs should be allowed as the park is meant for us."*

## PRINTFIELD PLAYSCHEME

Printfield Community Project junior youth groups are having a very action-packed summer. Thanks to Northsound Cash For Kids and Children In Need we've been able to enjoy trips to Grampian Transport Museum, Camperdown Park, Story Book Glen, Smugglers Cove and so much more. We have also been enjoying local park trips, the cinema, arts and crafts and baking!

Our most recent trip was to Grampian Transport Museum and a fantastic day was had by all. We saw lots of forms of transport old and new and all of the children enjoyed completed quizzes on our way around. Oliwia (10) said: "In summer we go on a lot of trips I liked Alford and I'm looking forward to the cinema. The bus takes us to lots of fun places."

Our playscheme is free to local children and makes a huge

and very positive impact on the community.

TJ (12) said: "Playscheme is fun because Tuesdays we go to places in Aberdeen, Thursdays a bus takes us on trips and Fridays we stay in and do really fun stuff."

Our playscheme helps to build friendships and reduce bullying in the area.

Aleeya (9) said: "In the holidays we go to lots of parks. I like it because I get to play with my friends. I am looking forward to going to Dundee".

The children help to choose which activities we do and we always try to do something educational too. For more information about future playschemes we'll be running get in touch with the Project on 01224 276788.





# PARTICIPATORY BUDGETING IN WOODSIDE

82,000  
WORTH OF FUNDING

## THE WINNERS



In March this year £82,500 was split between the communities of Woodside, Seaton, Tillydrone in the first ever participatory budgeting scheme for the area. Below you can find information of organisations who won funding for projects which are now running in the Woodside area.

### Woodside Junior trips - £5,200

The money provides youth activities and family support. It enables volunteers to take the children out over the summer period so they are not hanging about the streets. The children and families who attend Woodside Junior Club are taken out on trips which they might not otherwise get to experience.

### Awesome tech – £7,960

An exciting after school club for up to 36 kids aged 8-14 making robots & exploring electronics & computing. Awesome Tech also won money to run a parents group as well.

### Primary school football - £3,334

Every Primary School pupil in the area will receive access to free football coaching, with Aberdeen FC Community Trust hosting a Football Festival as a celebration event. The aim of the project is

to help as many of the schools as possible create Schools Football teams, and Girls Football squads in the area which can then participate in leagues which are run by AFCCT beyond the project.

### Woodside Juniors football – £1,000

Aberdeen Football Club have offered to do a 12-week course with the Woodside Junior Club

This will encourage the children to be more involved in sport/exercise/healthy eating and how to look after themselves while being able to enjoy it at the same time. It will be an opportunity for them to meet the coaches of Aberdeen Football Team and a trip to Pittodrie Football Stadium

### Free children's holiday activities - £3,500

Free 2 hour a day sports activity for children every day of the summer holidays

### Childcare in Printfield - £6,630

To maintain a Sure Start crèche provision within the Woodside area for eight months. This will run from July 2017 until April 2018. The money helps to fund four qualified childcare workers who stay in the Woodside area

and provide free, good quality childcare for up to ten children in the Woodside area.

### Free meal events - £2,000

Providing free meal events for the local community monthly throughout the year. This not only provides a free healthy and hot meal but also a space to meet new people, develop free training and volunteering opportunities. The funding will provide up to ten free meal events throughout the year.

### Summer holiday trips - £4,000

Fun day trips during the summer holidays to allow families to have a great time together.

### Art classes - £1,500

Organise 20 sessions for an adults art group to combat isolation and encourage creative expression and involvement in education.

### Ceilidh music, dance and food - £2,911

Promoting Scottish Culture, inviting diverse communities to participate as well as showcase their musical, dance talents and explore cuisine food culture of local residents.

## THE NO PEOPLE'S CEILIDH

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The birth of the People's ceilidh at Woodside Community Centre on 24th June 17 was an interesting event that seemed to come as a surprise to the organiser as well as the locals!

To get the full story, we need to go back in time to March 2017 when the Participatory Budget awarded the People's Ceilidh a partial grant to organise ceilidhs in Woodside, Tillydrone and Seaton. The ceilidh was one of the projects which was voted for by the local residents.

The ceilidh did not attract a huge number of Woodsiders as only few attended. It seems that a lack advertising made this ceilidh the best kept secret that was only enjoyed by a few university students. This clearly reflected the online advertising technique that was used to publicise the event. The lack of leaflets and

more traditional methods of communication with the local community in the three localities resulted in a strong feeling that the People's Ceilidh was a private event that just took place in the community centre and not as an open event aimed to attract local folk.

I believe that here in Woodside we have our preferred ways of communication which include posters in community buildings, and leaflets available at the local library. These are all methods used by our community projects to make sure that residents are well informed of local events. The online advertising eliminated a sector of the community who do not use or have access to the internet. There was no information about entry fees or price for food or even the starting time of the event.

On the night, a harp workshop was held before the ceilidh and attracted a couple of harp students from the Folk Academy which is a Gaelic Music project offering free traditional instrument tuition for our local pupils in the St Machar area.

The People's Ceilidh offered everything to the attendees for free. The quality of the food and music played by the RU4reel Ceilidh band was of a very high standard.

There are certainly a number of lessons to be learned following the experience of the first event and I am looking forward to attending the second event that will take place in Seaton (no information or leaflets as of yet). I hope it would attract all members of the community of all ages and backgrounds. It is always a joy to watch the children carrying through the local dancing tradition, culture and music.



# Woodside sons and daughters

## Sir John Anderson

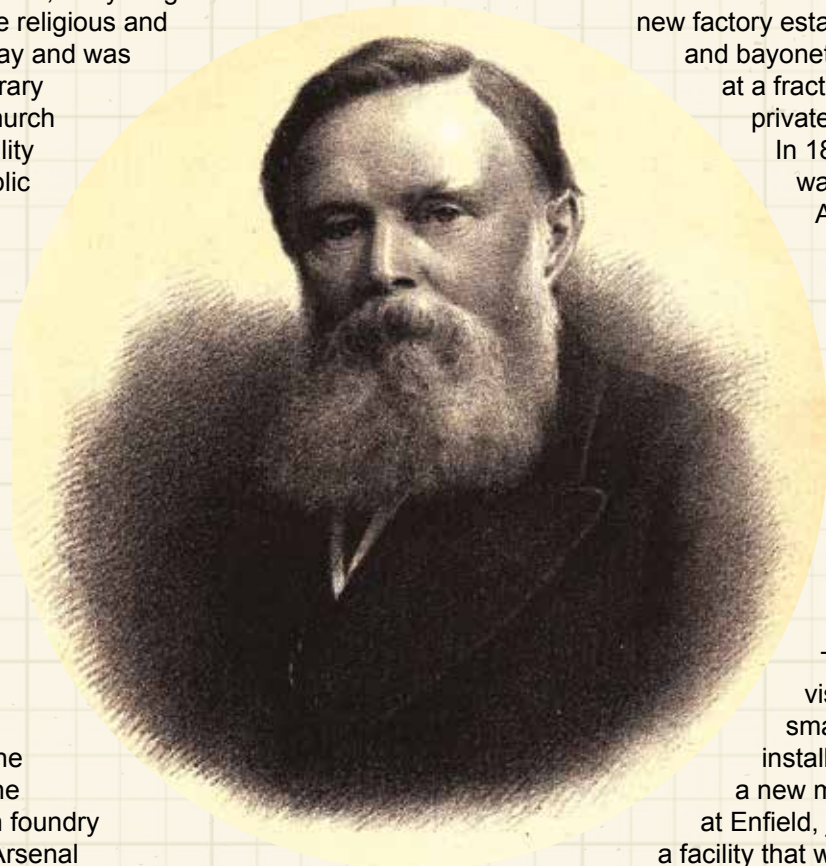
**Of all the sons and daughters of Woodside who have gone out into the world in search of fame and fortune, Sir John Anderson was perhaps the most gifted. The son of a respected Woodside merchant, he was born in a house opposite Warrack's Bridge, now 19 Barron Street, on 9th December 1814, three months after the death of his father.**

His early years were spent at the village school, then, at the age of thirteen, he became an apprentice mechanic at Woodside Cotton Works. Supervised and instructed there by his stepfather Irvine Kempt, a man of rare intelligence and remarkable mechanical skill, John learned much of the making and working of machinery. Aside from school and work, the young John took an active part in the religious and literary pursuits of the day and was appointed the first honorary librarian of the parish church library, an important facility in the days before a public library existed.

These early years served Anderson well. Completing his apprenticeship, he left Woodside in 1839, at the age of 25, heading first to Manchester before moving in London. There, he was engaged by Scottish ship and engine builder David Napier. Such was his progress there that, in the spring of 1842, Napier recommended him for the position of foreman at the government's brass gun foundry at the Royal Woolwich Arsenal (RWA). This was the start of Anderson's 30-year involvement there.

The young engineer immediately saw a need for updating the RWA's antiquated practices and set about doing so with all the enthusiasm and inventive energy of his nature. He rapidly mechanised the manufacture of ordnance, much of the new machinery being of his own invention. In only eight years, he is credited with devising sixteen machines used in armaments manufacture, while working practices were also overhauled.

One such machine could turn out 40,000 bullets an hour at a cost of 5½d. (2p) per thousand. The old method of casting had produced a less perfect article at ten times the price. Such innovations not only made considerable savings for the nation but laid the foundation of a splendid reputation.



Despite this immense workload, Anderson still managed to find time for romance. He met and married Islington milliner Eliza Norrie, with whom he went on to have two sons and a daughter.

In his professional life, he continued to apply himself with unusual zeal. In 1853, invited to review the government weapons factory at Enfield, he concluded that the rifle parts and bayonets manufactured there could be made far more efficiently and cheaply by machinery. Anderson's innovative ideas were greeted initially with scorn and hostility by private manufacturers who had hitherto been milking huge profits from the government – some things never change - but support from high-ranking officers and officials saw his reforms adopted and a new factory established in which rifles and bayonets were manufactured at a fraction of the cost paid to private contractors.

In 1854, the Crimean War was in full swing when Anderson was charged with rebuilding a factory manufacturing shells for Lancaster guns that had burned to the ground. Despite having to contend with unavoidable delays and stormy weather, he had the new facility up and running just two months from the order being given.

That year, Anderson visited the USA to inspect small arms manufacturing installations before designing a new mechanised factory sited at Enfield, just north of London, a facility that was to be in production right into the 20th century, through both world wars until arms manufacture finally ceased

on the site in 1967.

His career now firmly in the ascendant, Anderson was appointed chief mechanical engineer at Woolwich in 1856, then assistant superintendent and chief inspector of machinery at the royal gun factory under Sir William Armstrong in 1859, following the government's decision to make rifled field guns.

In addition to the heavy burden of official work during these busy years, Anderson also found time to deliver lectures on professional subjects to various bodies and was the author of many technical pamphlets and a book, *The Strength of Materials*, which went through many editions and is still available to this day. He also served as Lieutenant Colonel of the 6th Kent Rifle Volunteers.

Between 1862 and 1878, Anderson was a juror at international exhibitions in London, Paris, Vienna and Philadelphia, being appointed president of jurors at the latter two events. For his services, he was awarded the French *Legion of Honour* and received the *Order of Francis Joseph* from the Emperor of Austria.

Meanwhile, his career had received a further boost when, in 1866, he was appointed Superintendent of Machinery to the War Department, from which important office, and after 32 years of continuous service, he retired in 1872 to enjoy a well-earned pension.

Many other honours came his way, most notably when his long service to the nation was recognised by the award of a Knighthood in 1878. Sir John, having retired with his wife to St. Leonard's-on-Sea in Sussex, had never forgotten his birthplace. A man of great humility, he always considered his upbringing and early training in Woodside to be the foundation on which all his later success was built.

Considering how best to repay this debt of gratitude, Sir John decided an appropriate gift to his native village would be that of a public library. Consequently, on 15th August 1881, the presentation of that library was made to the people of Woodside. According to the *Daily Free Press*, the inauguration of the Anderson Free Library was a grand occasion.

*"The Burgh, from one end to the other,"* it told us, *"Was ablaze with bunting... every house almost contributing to the decorations, with flags, evergreens [and] flowers, while streamers and banners waved from lines stretched across the principal thoroughfare... A grand procession was formed, which included representatives of the trades and other bodies, the Lord Provost and magistrates of Aberdeen and Sir John and Lady Anderson."*

A colourful sight, indeed, and we can only imagine the excitement as the procession, *"Proceeded to the Free*

*Church, about a mile distant, the road being lined with thousands of enthusiastic spectators."*

In the church, a ceremony was held in which Sir John handed over a deed conveying the means to provide an annual income to maintain the library for all time; it also conveyed a sum of money sufficient to procure a separate building for the library, these sums totalling £6,000, equivalent to nearly £700,000 today. The beautiful granite building, situated on Clifton Road and a fine example of Victorian construction, finally opened its doors to the public in 1883 with a catalogue of some 9,000 books.

Granted the Freedom of Aberdeen in 1881, Sir John returned to his books at St. Leonard's-on-Sea. Decades of tireless work on behalf of the nation had left their mark on his health, however, and his later years were marred by asthma and bronchial problems.

Though used to an extremely busy life, Sir John accepted his retirement and ill health with resignation and even content. Never one for what might be called polite society, he passed his time reading works of philosophy and conversing on serious matters with his friends. Contemporary reports state that in these conversations: "...his manner was most charming and enthusiastic, and his remarks characterised by modesty, breadth of view and liberality" - as fine an epilogue to a life well lived as one might hope for.

Sir John passed away on 28 July 1886 after a fortnight's bout of pneumonia, nursed to the end with tenderness and patience by his wife Eliza. He left behind a fine legacy. As one of the leading engineers of the Victorian era, many of the buildings and manufacturing innovations he designed continued to be used for many years after his death. To the people of Woodside, his memory lives on in the Anderson Free Library, a fine facility that serves them to this day. What more could he have asked for?



The Anderson Free Library (images courtesy of Aberdeen City Library)



# The BIG move

In our Spring edition, we announced the exciting news that the Station House Media Unit building in Woodside would undergo a million pound make-over following a successful application to the Scottish Government Regeneration Capital Fund. Work begins in late August on the new purpose-built accommodation, which will significantly extend our existing building. The new building will include new radio studios, a recording studio, TV studio, an IT suite, improved training facilities, an edit suite and some fantastic new social space. The building will also be the main office base for the organisation. During the estimated 12 month building period, staff and services will be based at Aberdeen City Council's Rosehill House Day Centre on Ashgrove Road West.

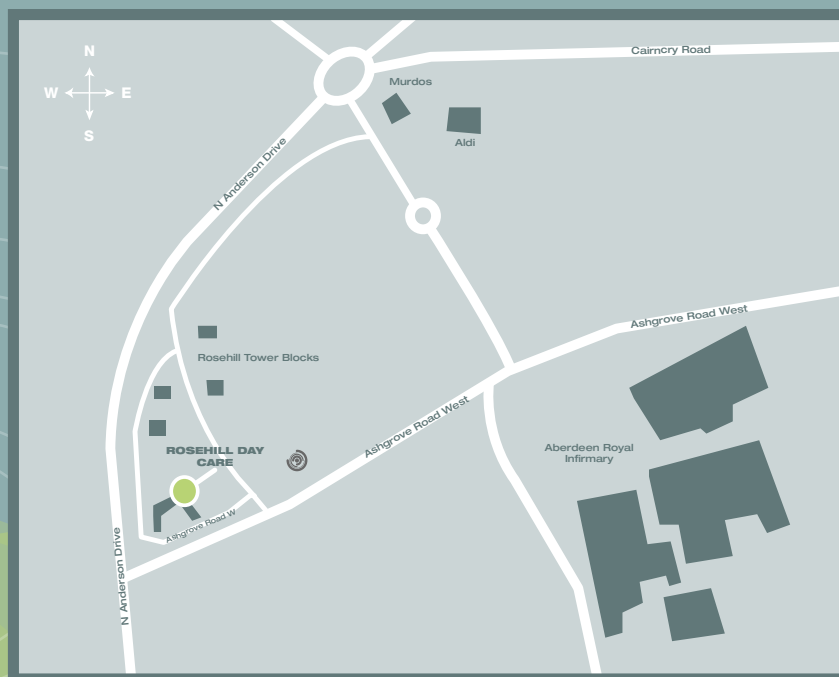
The relocation is due to take place during the week commencing 21st August with CHAP

Construction starting the building work on the 28th August. Although this is a time of upheaval, it is also a time of opportunity, with Rosehill House offering more space to develop our services and try out new work before returning to our new building. Staff will ensure that volunteers and service users are supported to continue their programmes in our temporary location, and look forward to sharing news of new and expanded projects and services in due course.

The organisation also continues to work on a fundraising plan to ensure the new building will meet all of our needs, and also for Phase 2 of the build, which will transform the existing building into a small community venue.

## Travel advice from Woodside

Catch the Number 727 (Stagecoach Bus) or 17 (First Bus) from Great Northern Road (there are various stops) which will take you to Auchmill Road (near Manor Drive). Then get the 35 (Stagecoach Bus) on Auchmill Road to just outside Rosehill Day Centre.



## Working together in Woodside

Being able to access the right information or advice can be difficult, often made harder when you're living on a reduced income.

Not knowing who to contact, call charges, travel costs, health/mobility problems, childcare, language, or learning difficulties are just some of the barriers that can prevent people from accessing the help they need.

Cash In Your Pocket (CIYP) provide information and advice on benefits and services, within community locations, offering residents the opportunity to discuss any issues and provide access to expert help.

From September, we will be holding a monthly information drop-in at Woodside Fountain Centre from 10am-12.30 pm. These will be held on the following dates:

**Thursday 14th September**  
**Thursday 12th October**  
**Thursday 9th November**  
**Thursday 14th December**

If you, or anyone you know, is looking for help with issues

relating to money, health, or care, please come along.

You can also get help by calling our Freephone number 0800 953 4330.

Providing information and allowing easy access to help and services within communities has become a main focus for Cash in Your Pocket. Letting people know about the help and services available to them in communities one of our priorities.

Cash in Your Pocket Network offer free and impartial advice to anyone in Aberdeen City. Though our wide range of network organisations we can arrange to get you the help you need.

If you're finding it difficult to manage your money, or would like help or advice relating to a money related issue, please get in touch.

Freephone: 0800 953 4330  
 (All calls are free from a landline or mobile)

e-mail: [info@ciypp.co.uk](mailto:info@ciypp.co.uk)  
 website: [www.ciypp.co.uk](http://www.ciypp.co.uk)

## Woodside Parish Church News

During the service on Sunday, May 21 two very active members of Woodside Parish Church, Joan McKichan and Jean Couper were awarded the Christian Aid Week Diamond Award for long and dedicated service. They are pictured here together with their minister, the Rev Markus Auffermann who presented them with their well-deserved certificates. Woodside Parish Church collected nearly £2000 this May during Christian Aid Week. The money will help to support the important and great work of Christian Aid in many countries around the globe for people in need.





# 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

VSA 01224 212021

## Water

Scottish Water Emergency 0800 0778 778  
CFINE 01224 596156  
Pathways 01224 682 939  
Woodside School 01224 484778  
Kittybrewster School 01224 484451  
Woodside Parish Church 01224 484562  
St Machar Academy 01224 492855  
St Machar Parent Support Project 01224 487813  
Aberdeen Lads Club 01224 492672

## Community Information for Woodside

### Woodside Community Council

Meetings are held on the first Tuesday of every month in the Fountain Grange Common Room at 7pm

Contact: [woodsideccsec@gmail.com](mailto:woodsideccsec@gmail.com)

## Fersands and Fountain Community Project

01224 524925

## Printfield Community Project

01224 276788

## Woodside Fountain Centre

01224 485983

## Woodside Library

10am – 1pm 2pm – 5pm

Contact: 01224 484534

## Woodside Medical Practice

8am – 6pm

Contact: 01224 492828

## Woodside Network

Contact: [printfield@printfieldproject.co.uk](mailto:printfield@printfieldproject.co.uk)  
or [mark@fersands.org](mailto:mark@fersands.org)

## St Machar Credit Union

Info: Credit Unions are financial co-operatives owned and controlled by their members, that offer savings accounts, low cost loans and other services.

Phone: 01224 276994

Opening hours: 9:30am – 4:30pm every weekday except Wednesday (12:30pm finish on a Wednesday)

## Cash in your Pocket

Info: Working with partner organisations to reduce inequalities for people living in economic disadvantage within Aberdeen City and Aberdeenshire.

Phone: 0800 953 4330

## Citizen's Advice

Info: Aberdeen Citizen's Advice Bureau gives residents of Aberdeen free, confidential and impartial advice on a range of topics including benefits, debt advice, work related problems, immigration and housing.

Opening times: Wednesdays 10am-3pm in Woodside Community Centre

## Legal Advice

There are law students who visit Woodside Community Centre every second Thursday. Their sessions started on the 26th of January and will run every two weeks from then. If you need legal advice you can visit them between 5:30 and 7pm in the centre.