

Still Goina for Gold!....

Summer Newsletter from Blairmore Village Trust

- A BEAUTIFUL SCOTLAND SPECIAL -

4th August 2017 is D-Day

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In January, we said we were going for gold in the Beautiful Scotland Campaign as part of our 10th anniversary celebrations. Without doubt we have already achieved gold in terms of our efforts and wide-ranging support. Whether or not we match the 'gold level criteria' of Beautiful Scotland will be determined on the 4th August when the judges visit to assess both our efforts and more importantly our results. Their decision will be announced on 7th September.

New this season...

The Owls continue to be a big hit! You may have noticed the traffic cones which are having mixed success in discouraging drivers from stopping on our prime road-hazard.

The gazebo is up, which means that everyone can enjoy the gardens without climbing the hill.

Snow White's garden should be complete by the time you are reading this. This is also proving to be a great attraction for all ages.

Climb the hill a little and you will see the state of the art 'Bug Bothy'; created by Jim King, with a lot of support from Strone Primary School and we thank the pupils and teachers for their enthusiasm. A children's 'Tyre Climb' is also under construction, up top! We hope that during the summer holidays many of the children will visit and enjoy the garden.



HAMILTONS BRAE.....

We previously reported on the kind personal donation of £2,000 we received from Mike MacKenzie, an elderly gentleman who regularly travelled here on Waverley from his home in Largs and had a particular fondness for Blairmore. Sadly, Mike died in the Spring and unfortunately didn't get the chance to see the progress being made. We will continue our efforts to get the path re-opened as soon as possible and commemorate Mike's attachment in some lasting way. The next stage of re-constructing the path will be done by a contractor.

SHORE HUB

The weekly Community Hub....continues to go from strength to strength – Thurs 10am to 12noon Blairmore Hall. A record of 62 people attended in just one session in June. Clearly more and more local people enjoy the informal opportunity to catch up with neighbours along the shore. You may like to give it a try – a warm welcome awaits. Special thanks to Moira and Ian Martin for all their help.

In May, nine local people travelled to East Haven in Fife on a learning exchange visit. Look out for one of their good ideas popping up locally - the 'Dog Friendly Stations'.



We still need YOUR help

Most of our effort is going into creating Blairmore Gardens. But we haven't forgotten the rest of the village. Planters are being filled and placed, followed by hanging baskets and much more... **We really do need your help for this final push.** We have tasks of all shapes and sizes, easy and challenging. Please join us in celebrating what Blairmore offers each of us on a daily basis ... help us to present our community in the best possible shape. **Just 1 hour is a great help.** Tea and cake are also very welcome!

Still time to get

To keep you updated a list of 'priority tasks' will be at 'the hub' and on the external notice board at the Hall. Phone Pat Lynn 01369 840706 or email patlynn2007@yahoo.co.uk. Or just turn up at the gardens.