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The proof is in the pudding for Jean

Reablement is a care at home service that we have introduced to help older people enjoy living safely and independently in their own homes for as long as possible.

One resident who has benefitted greatly from the scheme is 81-year-old Jean Blackley, a retired minister, who has lived in Alva for the past 12 years.

She said: "I had a bad time and I thought to myself - is this what I really want for the rest of my life, being fed four times a day and not being able to feed myself. Then they put me on the reablement programme and it has been absolutely tremendous. I have got my independence back.

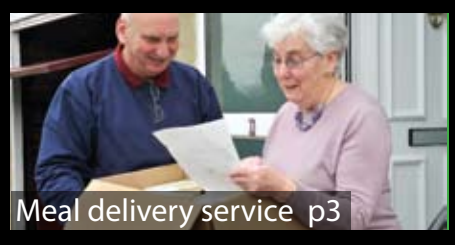
"I have always been a very keen home baker, and pride myself on my scones. I never thought I would be able to do that again, but the reablement programme has made that all possible."

Councillor Gary Womersely, Leader of the Council said: "It is all about giving a person the encouragement, support, skills and confidence they need to stay in their own home, or to be able to return home after a stay in hospital.

"The focus is on working together to assess what you can do – and what we can help you learn to do again, rather than on what you aren't able to do."

The service is for people aged 65 and over and who live in Clackmannanshire. From April 2011 until March 2012 a total of 76 residents were referred for the scheme, which is run by the Council in partnership with NHS Forth Valley and funded through the Scottish Government's Re-Shape In Care Project. (continued on P3)

Jean (centre) is pictured with June Cunningham (left), a Reablement Homecarer with Clackmannanshire Council and Melanie Wright, an occupational therapist with NHS Forth Valley, both of whom helped Mrs Blackley through the Reablement programme and regain her confidence and independence.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New Blue Badge Scheme rolls out

A new blue badge design, which was launched throughout Scotland, England and Wales earlier this year, is making it easier to crack down on fraud and assist disabled drivers find parking spaces.

The new badge design, which includes digital photographs, makes the badges harder to tamper with, copy or forge.

The new process for issuing Blue Badges in Scotland involves a single national database, the Blue Badge Improvement Service (BBIS), being the only legal way to issue new or replacement badges. The new database of badge holders and their key details will prevent multiple and fraudulent applications, as well as enabling quick and easy validity checks to be made anywhere in the country.

Local authorities retain responsibility for application forms and assessing applicants' eligibility. However, GPs no longer carry out mobility assessments, with councils assuming responsibility for new Independent Mobility Assessments, the need for which is determined by individual circumstances.

There are around 2,500 Blue Badge holders in Clackmannanshire. The improved system sees the new style badges being issued as holders' current badges expire and to new applicants. Around 20 badges a week are issued by the Council, with around four Independent Mobility Assessments taking place each week.

Applicants can apply for a badge on-line via www.clacksweb.org.uk/transport/bluebadge/

Alternatively, you can contact us for advice and assistance with a paper application. Paper application forms can either be sent out by post or can be downloaded from the Council's Blue Badge Scheme page on ClacksWeb.

Did you know?

More pupils are eating school meals. We're forecasting a take-up of 86% in our secondary schools and 43% in our primary schools for the 2011/12 academic year. The importance of young people eating a nutritional lunch has been highlighted nationally in recent years, and the service continues to seek ways to ensure that our young people get the fuel they need to help them learn and develop.

Forth Valley Appropriate Adult Service Relaunched

The Forth Valley Appropriate Adult Service has been relaunched.

The service provides a bridge between Adults at Risk who come into contact with the police and officers to ensure individuals have a full understanding of what is taking place.

Appropriate Adults are independent members of the community who bring with them a wealth of relevant experience of working with Adults at Risk enabling them to assist people when they are interviewed by the police as victims, witnesses, suspects or accused. They are appointed by the Forth Valley Appropriate Adult Service and are independent of the police.

The service is managed and funded by a multi-agency partnership group consisting of Central Scotland Police, Clackmannanshire Council, Falkirk Council, Stirling Council and NHS Forth Valley.

Hazel Oliver, who co-ordinates the service, said: "Previously, the Appropriate Adult Service, which has operated in Forth Valley since 1995, comprised around 30 Appropriate Adults, the vast majority of whom were in full-time employment. Due to increased workload demands it was becoming difficult for this group of staff to respond to call-out requests.

"The new service will provide 24 hour 7 days a week 52 weeks a year cover. The service receives approximately 200 call outs per year. The Appropriate Adults all have previous experience of supporting vulnerable adults. They received specialised training which includes the role of an appropriate adult, and a range of topics related to police and court procedures.

"The new way of delivering the service will improve availability and enhance the positive input that has been offered to individuals requiring an Appropriate Adult."

Lornshill Academy's New Headteacher

Peter Allan comes to Clackmannanshire from Jedburgh Grammar School, where he had been Rector since 2008.

Mr Allan said that one of his main aims is to raise attainment and he will be working closely with subject departments and support staff in Lornshill seeking to improve performance.

He added: "At the same time we must rise to the challenge of providing all our young people with planned opportunities to broaden achievement and to succeed in their learning. We must work in partnership with all stakeholders to confront the very concerning statistical evidence from Skills Development Scotland which indicates that around 20% of our school leavers access Jobseekers Allowance as they do not have the "positive destinations" of employment or further study."

Mr Allan believes that in developing young people's life and work skills there is a clear need to go further with vocational skills provision in many Scottish schools. He is enthusiastic about Clackmannanshire's three secondary schools current dialogue with Forth Valley College about the possibilities of aligning timetables across the schools to facilitate pupils' choice of introductory and taster vocational skills courses provided in the College and he is keen to explore opportunities to develop partnership working with the business community in the area to enhance this important element of the curriculum.

He added: "A fundamental responsibility for all is providing an educational experience which helps equip all our learners with the flexible skills and positive attitudes to prosper in the future, both in our local area and in the wider national and global context."

Popularity of home meal delivery service grows

The popularity of Class Cuisine's individual meal home delivery service is growing, with more and more satisfied customers signing up for the service every week.

Clackmannanshire was the first Council in Scotland to offer a range of delicious dinners, frozen, and delivered to your door when it launched the service in November 2010.

This service is open to everyone and delivery is free to people living in Clackmannanshire.

The individual frozen meal service is provided by Sauchie-based Class Cuisine, the Council's catering service which also produces school meals and meals on wheels.

Councillor Gary Womersley, Leader of the Council said: "These value for money meals are ideal for elderly people who do not qualify for meals on wheels, as well as many other people such as those who don't have time or the inclination to cook. As well as being nutritious, these meals are made locally and delivered locally by staff based in Sauchie, helping to support jobs in Clackmannanshire."

One of Class Cuisine's content customers is Margaret McPhie in Clackmannan.

Mrs McPhie said: "The meals are lovely, they really do taste like home cooked food. They are not to over spiced or salty and they are very good value for money."

Her comments are echoed by fellow customers Andrew Telfor in Alloa who said: "The quality of the meals is very good and they are exceptional value for money." And Annie Laird in Clackmannan who said: "The meals and service are brilliant and the delivery driver is lovely."

Janet McIntosh in Sauchie, added: "I am very pleased with all my meals and the service provided."

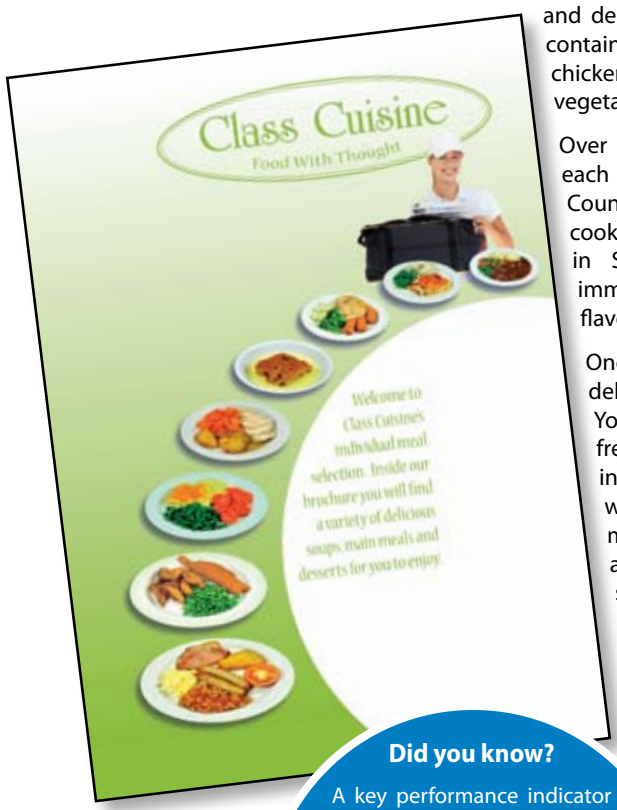
A brochure which promotes the service is widely available in Council offices and online at www.clacksweb.org.uk/community/mealservice/. A variety of soups, main meals and desserts are on offer and the brochure contains photos of all the meal ranges: beef, chicken, pork, lamb, fish and vegetarian.

Over 70 dishes are available, each developed by the Council's catering staff and cooked at Class Cuisine in Sauchie. They are then immediately frozen to preserve flavour and nutrients.

Once ordered, the food is delivered to the customer. You can keep it in your freezer and then heat it up in the oven or microwave when you want it. The minimum order is £20 and as you can see from these sample orders you can eat well for the week, with a range of soups, main meals and desserts.

For more information call 450000 or visit ClacksWeb.

Driver Brian Miller delivers meals to Mrs McPhie



SAMPLE A - £23.55
Soups
Lentil Soup
Scotch Broth
Vegetable
Main Meals
Beef Casserole
Steak Pie
Gammon Steak
Roast Chicken Breast
Roast Lamb
Breaded Haddock
Macaroni Cheese
Desserts
Apple Pie & Custard
Ginger Sponge & Custard
Sticky Toffee Pudding
Mandarin Cheesecake

SAMPLE B - £23.40
Soups
Green Pea & Ham
Cream of Chicken
Lentil
Main Meals
Fisherman's Pie
Chicken Supreme
Roast Pork
All Day Breakfast
Mince & Doughballs
Mixed Pepper Flan
Cottage Pie
Desserts
Eve's Pudding & Custard
Chocolate Sponge & Custard
Rhubarb Tart & Custard
Iced Mixed Fruit Slice

SAMPLE C - £20.55
Soups
Cream of Chicken
Yellow Split Pea
Leek & potato
Green Pea & Ham
Main Meals
Roast Beef & Yorkshire Pudding
Steak Mince
Bacon Quiche
Chicken & Vegetable Casserole
Salmon Fishcakes
Haggis
Pork Sausage Casserole
Desserts
Rhubarb Crumble
Jam & Coconut Sponge
Carrot Cake

Did you know?

A key performance indicator in this area is the number of people waiting in short-stay settings for more than 6 weeks for discharge to an appropriate setting. Since this indicator was introduced 5 years ago, no-one has waited for more than 6 weeks. One of the main aims of shared services is to seek new and innovative ways of improving services for clients.

Reshaping care for older people

This re-enablement project is just one of the new ways to provide care for older people that the Council has recently developed.

We know that we have a growing older population, and the focus is on supporting people in their communities rather than in more institutionalised care settings.

Along with NHS Forth Valley, we're introducing a number of changes to transform care for older people in Clackmannanshire, working more flexibly to meet the growing demand.

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Councillor Gary Womersley, Leader of the Council added: "If you are eligible for Care at Home, the Reablement Service will be one of the services offered to you."

Reablement can help when someone has had a fall, illness, stay in hospital, or finds that they can't manage without support.

A reablement team, of two occupational therapists from NHS Forth Valley and eight homecare staff from the Council at Ludgate House, will work with a person for a number of weeks, giving support and encouragement to help them get back up to speed. The team will include people with the skills and experience to help them regain as much of their independence as possible.

"We can arrange for people who are eligible to have equipment fitted in their home to help them with everyday tasks. Staff can also put them in contact with other services that might be required to keep them safe and well," Councillor Gary Womersley went on. "Once the person has completed their reablement plan they may no longer need support and can continue to live independently, such as Mrs Blackley."

The Reablement Service is provided between 7am and 10pm.

For people who need ongoing support, arrangements for home care services can by made with organisations which have been chosen because of their long records of providing high quality care. Their work is regularly checked by Clackmannanshire Council, and Social Care and Social Work Improvement Scotland (SCSWIS).

Improved Dumyat Centre proves popular

Books are flying off the shelves at the new look, refurbished Menstrie Library and CAP.

In just five months since work on the new modern facility was completed, library staff have reported a massive 100% increase in usage by the public.

Before work was carried out, and opening hours were changed, a total of 1718 customers used the library in October 2011. Figures for March 2012, after the work and improved opening times were introduced, showed that 3,500 customers used the library.

People in Menstrie who have visited the Dumyat Centre recently will have noticed a huge difference in facilities, with new book stock, a better children's area and more comfortable seating for the public to enjoy reading a daily newspaper.

In addition there has been a new tea and coffee machine installed in the library area.

The Council's Customer Services Manager, Brian Forbes, said: "This has all been part of a programme to improve the service on offer at the centre. These improvements have all come about by listening to the local community in Menstrie and working with the Community Council to make things happen.

"Customers seem very pleased with the improvements and would encourage people to keep giving us feedback at the centre."

Delighted mum, Sarah Blythin, who attends the mother and toddlers group at the centre, with two-year-old Emily, said: "The refurbishments have made such a huge difference. It is a nice place to come, relax, have a chat and a coffee and a great place for the kids."

One of the main improvements, that has been a major factor in the increase in usage, has been the new extended opening times.

The centre is now open from 9am until 10pm Monday to Friday and 9am until 12.30pm on Saturdays.

Grandmother, Isobel Muir, a regular user of the centre, with her two-year-old grand-daughter Zoe Muir, said: "It is a great facility, and I am particularly delighted with the new opening hours. When I was working I always found it difficult to get here on time."

During these times a full range of services are available - library, bookings, enquiries etc. Payments are taken between 9am and 12.30pm and 1.30pm until 5pm.

Brian added: "This is a huge improvement on the previous service."

A spokesman for Menstrie Community Council said: "I would like to thank Clackmannanshire Council for making all this possible.

"It is a superb facility for the village and I would urge everyone to use it, be it for sport, parties, meetings or simply enjoying a good read. It's there for us all."

The Dumyat Centre also boasts a hall, a smaller meeting space and outdoors sports pitches. For more details www.clacksweb.org.uk/culture/dumyatcentre/

Did you know?

Customer surveys have repeatedly shown that the vast majority of those surveyed were 'satisfied' or 'very satisfied' with the service they received at our Community Access Points (CAPs). As CAPs provide citizens with access to a wide range of Council services, they make a contribution to all our corporate priority outcomes.

New Rugby Development Officer Announced

Former Glasgow Warriors star, Stevie Swindall, is the new rugby development officer with Clackmannanshire Council.

Stevie said: "I have been met with a terrific response from everyone in the area. It is my aim to improve the standard of rugby and encourage children at all of our primary and secondary schools to take up the game."

Stevie started his illustrious rugby career at Whitecraigs Rugby Club in Glasgow, where he played while still at school.

After two years in the club's first fifteen the 6'4" blindside flanker stepped up to a higher grade with Glasgow Hawks where he was part of two Scottish Premier Division One championship winning teams, as well as winning a Scottish National Cup winners medal.

It was during this period that Stevie's outstanding abilities saw him achieve international recognition, playing for Scotland under-18's in 2000, before being capped for Scotland under-21's in both the home nations and the under-21 World Cup in 2003.

Stevie, moved into the professional ranks in 2004 and made his debut for Glasgow Warriors against Leeds Tykes and penned his first full time contract in 2005.

While at Glasgow Warriors he gained further international honours when he was capped for Scotland A in 2007 in the Churchill Cup, and played in the final of the 2008 Churchill Cup against England Saxons in Chicago.

In 2009 he signed for Rotherham Titans in the English Championship before a spell in Italy the following year as player/coach for Amatori Milano.

Stevie (29) returned to Scotland, where he is currently playing for Stirling County Rugby Club. He has also been coaching the Colts team at Morrisons Academy in Crieff.

Now he has joined Clackmannanshire Council as rugby development officer where his main duties and responsibilities will be to develop the game of rugby throughout the schools and hopefully develop some more stars of the future who have emerged from this area such as Adam Ashe and Sean Kennedy.

Stevie added: "As well as the schools I have already formed an excellent working relationship with both of our clubs in the area, Alloa Rugby Club and Hillfoots, and have helped out in their coaching."

Stevie will be holding a summer rugby camp this August. See ClacksWeb for more information.

Leisure Consultation

What do you do with your leisure time?

Clackmannanshire Council is undertaking the biggest ever local consultation on participation in sport and leisure.

The feedback from the consultation will help shape sport and leisure for the future. We are trying to find out what people in Clackmannanshire do with their leisure time.

The aim of the consultation is to secure your views on the suggested priorities and approaches to the provision of leisure and sport in Clackmannanshire.

In recent years there has been a significant change in leisure provision in Clackmannanshire and development in a number of key areas.

Additionally the economic climate has changed, the health and education of the Scottish nation has been prioritised and leisure and sports are being seen as one of many catalysts for better society outcomes.

The objective will be to develop a Clackmannanshire Council strategy that influences and supports every resident in Clackmannanshire to develop a more active and healthy lifestyle.

The Council has published a draft Main Issues Report which identifies that an enhanced leisure strategy can address poor health in sections of the population and enhance the quality of peoples' lives.

A final leisure and sport strategy will come before Council in the autumn, shaped by the feedback received during the consultation exercise.

Please fill in and return this questionnaire to let us know your views.

The draft Main Issues Report is available on ClacksWeb where you can fill in an online questionnaire, and copies of the report are also available in Council buildings throughout Clackmannanshire. For a copy of the report call 450000.

Did you know?

We'd like more people to use our community leisure facilities. Though figures for 2011/12 are yet to be confirmed, attendances at civic halls and dry sports facilities both increased by over 6%, and attendances at all facilities increased by 1.1% from 2010/11, with targets met for all types of facility. With improvements expected to come from the Leisure Strategy, there may be further rises next year.

Can you please tell us which of the following leisure activities you participate in regularly each week, and how long you spend on those activities each week?

1. Athletics

	Less than 1 hr	1-2 hrs	More than 2 hrs	Seasonal activity	Not regularly	Not at all
Running	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Jogging	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Hurdling	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Throwing events	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Other individual sports	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Do not participate regularly	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐

Please write any other athletic activities you participate in

2. Team Sports

	Less than 1 hr	1-2 hrs	More than 2 hrs	Seasonal activity	Not regularly	Not at all
Rugby	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Football	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Hockey	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Cricket	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Basketball	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐

Please write any other team sports you participate in

3. Indoor Activities

	Less than 1 hr	1-2 hrs	More than 2 hrs	Seasonal activity	Not regularly	Not at all
Fitness classes	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Zumba	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Aerobics	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Gynmasticsc	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Dance	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Martial Arts	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Swimming	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Bowling	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Badminton	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐

Please write any other athletic activities you participate in

4. Outdoor Activities:

	Less than 1 hr	1-2 hrs	More than 2 hrs	Seasonal activity	Not regularly	Not at all
Cycling	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Walking	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Rambling	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Horse riding	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Canoeing	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Tennis	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Angling	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Golf	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Bowling	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Skate Boarding	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Scrambling	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Motocross	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐

Please write any other athletic activities you participate in

5. Extreme Sports

	Less than 1 hr	1-2 hrs	More than 2 hrs	Seasonal activity	Not regularly	Not at all
Hang gliding	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Abseiling	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
White Water rafting	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Skiing	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Water skiing	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Wakeboarding	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐

Please write any other extreme sports you participate in

6. Other Activities

	Less than 1 hr	1-2 hrs	More than 2 hrs	Seasonal activity	Not regularly	Not at all
Tea dances	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Ceilidhs	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Kite Flying	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Allotments/ gardening	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Play parks	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐

Please write any other activities you participate in

7. Where do you mainly participate in these activities?

- ☐ **In Clackmannanshire**
- ☐ **In Forth Valley area**
- ☐ **Outwith Forth Valley**

8. Please tell us which open spaces you use in Clackmannanshire and how often doyou currently enjoy them?

	Less than 1 hr	1-2 hrs	More than 2 hrs	Seasonal activity	Not regularly	Not at all
Parks and gardens	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Outdoor sports facilities	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Children's play areas	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Allotments and community gardens	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Leisure routes/ cycle paths	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐

Other (please specify)

9. How could we improve countryside recreation spaces in Clackmannanshire and encourage people to use them more?

After completing the above survey please return to Performance & Partnership Support, Clackmannanshire Council, Room 50, Lime Tree House, Castle Street, Alloa, FK10 1EX

Housing Consultation

Help Shape the Future of Housing

A programme of consultation which will shape the future of housing in Clackmannanshire is well underway.

Our draft Housing Strategy explains the challenges that we face and sets out the priorities for the next five years.

The aim of the Strategy is to ensure that the housing available is of good quality, affordable and in safe and pleasant neighbourhoods. It is also essential that people can get support, where needed, to enable them to live independently in their own homes.

To help us complete our consultation process and produce a plan for local housing for the next five years we need to know what you think.

We have carried out research and consulted with key partners in order to draft our strategy and these are some of our key findings:

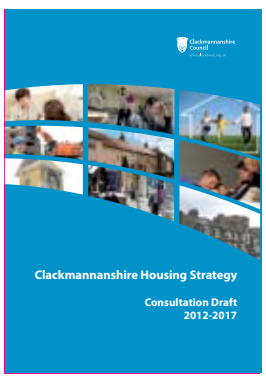
- Fewer new houses are being built
- Fewer social rented properties are available for people to rent
- There are more older people who need suitable accommodation
- Young people are finding it difficult to get on the housing ladder
- Welfare reform changes will affect people's ability to afford rented accommodation
- Energy prices are going up, which means more people are struggling to pay their bills
- Some of our neighbourhoods and communities are in need of enhancement

These are just some of the issues which may affect you, either as a resident or as someone thinking of moving to Clackmannanshire. We want our strategy to take account of your views.

There are a number of ways you can let us know what you think about the future of housing in Clackmannanshire, including by filling in and returning this short questionnaire.

The draft strategy is available on ClacksWeb where you can fill in an online questionnaire, and copies of the strategy are also available in Council buildings throughout Clackmannanshire. For a copy of the strategy call 450000.

All responses are anonymous and will help shape the final strategy.



Consultation on Clackmannanshire Housing Strategy 2012-2017

1. Providing more houses should be a priority for the Council.

strongly agree	agree	neither	disagree	strongly disagree
○	○	○	○	○

2. Making 'Best Use of Existing Housing' should be a priority for the Council.

strongly agree	agree	neither	disagree	strongly disagree
○	○	○	○	○

3. 'Specialist Housing' should be a priority for the Council.

strongly agree	agree	neither	disagree	strongly disagree
○	○	○	○	○

4. The provision of 'Housing Support' should be a priority for the Council.

strongly agree	agree	neither	disagree	strongly disagree
○	○	○	○	○

5. 'Homelessness' should be a priority for the Council.

strongly agree	agree	neither	disagree	strongly disagree
○	○	○	○	○

6. 'Energy Efficiency and Fuel Poverty' should be a priority for the Council.

strongly agree	agree	neither	disagree	strongly disagree
○	○	○	○	○

7. 'Improving our Neighbourhoods and Communities' should be a priority for the Council.

strongly agree	agree	neither	disagree	strongly disagree
○	○	○	○	○

8. 'Housing investment' should be a priority for the Council?

strongly agree	agree	neither	disagree	strongly disagree
○	○	○	○	○

9. Do you think that these are the right priorities for Clackmannanshire Council for the next 5 years? Do you think we should include any additional priorities?

10. Are there any other comments you would like to make on Clackmannanshire's Housing Strategy or any of the issues that affect housing in Clackmannanshire?

Did you know?

Our Housing service has a wide range of key performance indicators including allocations, benefits, tenancy management, homelessness, repairs and adaptations. Information about these is published on our website. The service achieved the Customer Service Excellence accreditation this year and work is ongoing in the service to continually improve, set and meet appropriate targets, and perform well in relation to other local authorities.

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Waste Consultation

Meeting the zero waste challenge

What more can we all do?

Households in Clackmannanshire are the best recyclers in Scotland, but more remains to be done to meet Scotland's Zero Waste Challenge. We all have to reduce the amount of waste we produce and recycle more of our waste more often.

Clackmannanshire has an easy to use recycling service and there's no excuse for not taking part. Those who don't recycle are making the rest of us pay rising landfill taxes.

The Council is currently consulting on our Zero Waste Strategy for the next 10 years.

We've published a Main Issues Report which sets out ways we can meet the Scottish Government's Zero Waste Plan which includes new targets for recycling; by 2025 70% of all waste must be recycled with only 5% of waste allowed to go to landfill.

To back up the Zero Waste Plan the Scottish Government is proposing to introduce landfill bans on some wastes and have mandatory recycling collections for commercial as well as household waste.

Councillor Craig Holden, Depute Leader of the Council, said: "This new strategy looks at new ways the Council can make sure everyone takes advantage of the recycling methods that are available. There also has to be a stronger focus on preventing waste and re-using rather than throwing away valuable resources in landfills. We will also be looking at enforcement methods for the minority who don't participate, making the rest of us pay rising landfill taxes. We'd would like to hear your views on this subject, and together we can achieve a recycling rate of 70% within the next three years."

You can download a copy of the Main Issues Report from our website www.clacksweb.org.uk, where you can also submit your feedback. It is also available at Council offices across the county.

Did you know?

We're continually improving our performance in the areas of: street cleanliness, graffiti, costs for refuse collection and disposal, and the amount of our waste that's recycled, composted and sent to landfill. These significant performance improvements are reflected in the refuse collection team being a finalist in the Association for Public Service Excellence (APSE) award for the Best & Most Improved Performer category.

New weekly collection for food waste

The average family throws away £35 of good food every month - far from ideal in these cash-conscious times and not good for the environment either.

The Council is introducing a new weekly food waste collection this autumn that will divert this food waste away from landfill.

This new service has a range of benefits, including:

- This service gives you the opportunity to recycle more of your waste
- Lower waste disposal bills for the council, as less waste going to landfill means less landfill tax, which is going up every year
- It's better for the environment as rotting food in landfill creates carbon dioxide and methane gases which contribute to climate change
- This will help us to meet the Scottish Zero Waste Plan targets for recycling and composting that requires councils to recycle and compost 50% of waste by 2013 and 75% by 2025
- Your green bin will be less full if you recycle your food waste
- It will increase your awareness of food wasted, encouraging you to reduce this and make real savings to your food budget

We will be providing two new containers to help you to separate your food waste easily from the rest of your waste: a small food caddy to collect waste in the kitchen and a larger outside food container for you to place at the kerbside for collection.

In order to keep the system simple, we're going to start collecting blue boxes on a weekly basis and collecting the food waste on the same day. This means you'll be able to rest your food container inside your blue box for collection to prevent it from blowing away.

Councillor Craig Holden, Depute Leader of the Council said: "It's easy to take action to reduce food waste. Taking simple steps like writing a shopping list, cooking the right amounts, and storing food correctly make a big difference. No one wants to waste money or see good food going in the bin.

"Sometimes food waste can't be avoided, for example inedible chicken bones and banana skins. Recycling this food waste is far better for the environment than sending it to landfill. In landfill sites, food decomposes to release greenhouse gases which can cause harm to the environment. Recycling it creates green energy and turns the food waste into a product which can be used as a fertiliser.

"Unavoidable food waste is an important resource for Scotland, as it can be used to create renewable energy, fertiliser and ultimately jobs from something that most of us currently just send to rot in landfill. That's why recycling our unavoidable food waste is very important."

For tips on saving money on your food bills visit www.lovefoodhatewaste.com.

What can I put in my food waste container?

- Bread, cakes and pastries
- Solid dairy products such as butter and cheese
- Eggs (including shells)
- Meat and fish - raw and cooked, including bones
- Semi-liquid foods eg yoghurts and smoothies
- Fruit and vegetables - raw and cooked, including peelings
- Pasta, rice and beans
- Leftovers and plate scrapings
- Tea bags and coffee grounds

Watch out for the information pack coming through your letterbox about the new food waste collections

Unsung Hero at Annual Aw

David Hunter was named Citizen of the Year 2011 at the annual Clackmannanshire Awards ceremony.

David received the award in recognition of his decades of voluntary service to groups and organisations in Clackmannanshire.

A volunteer driver for Strathcarron Hospice for the past 16 years, David also helps disabled people with their shopping and visits ill and housebound members of Ludgate Church. He is chairman of Friends of Alloa Tower, has been a member of Alloa Musical Players for 58 years and has served on the committee of Clackmannan Field Studies Society for 12 years.

He was presented with his prestigious honour by Lord-Lieutenant George Reid at the ceremony, which was held at Alloa Town Hall in February.

A panel of judges made up of Trustees of the Lord Lieutenant's Fund selected 7 finalists in the Citizen of the Year category who were invited to attend the gala awards ceremony. As well as receiving a certificate, each finalist received a crystal vase sponsored by Glencairn Crystal.

Citizen of the Year

Citizen of the Year David Hunter (front centre) with Provost Tina Murphy and Lord-Lieutenant George Reid along with the finalists Lewis Green, Val Hume, Elaine Pitcairn, Chris Calder, Erin McNeil and Janet Morrison.

Sports Council

The Sports Council Awards recognise outstanding ability, dedication and achievement in sport over the past year.

This year's winners are:

Junior Sports personality of the Year - Sponsored by the Wee County News

Brian Harper - Wrestling

Junior wrestling champion, Brian Harper is 1st in the Scottish, Welsh and English rankings and 1st in the Great Britain school boys and cadets categories. He won silver medals in the Latvia and France International events. The Tullibody wrestler is a member of the Scottish development squad, is a Scottish elite athlete and is in the Great Britain National development squad. Brian is on track to compete in the 2014 Commonwealth games in Glasgow.

CLACKMANNANSHIRE SPORTS COUNCIL

Determined to Succeed

The Enterprise in Education Award celebrates school/ business partnerships and the contribution and engagement local business and partners have made in supporting enterprising activities in schools.

Three partnerships were shorlisted for the Determined to Succeed Award.

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Senior Sports Personality of the Year - Sponsored by Alloa & Hillfoots Advertiser

Adam Ashe - Rugby

Adam Ashe is a Scottish Rugby Elite Development player. He was part of the Scotland 7s squad in season 2011/12 who played in Australia, Dubai and South Africa, and has signed a contract to play for Glasgow Warriors. Equally comfortable in any of the back-row positions, Adam attended Alva Academy and has played club rugby for Hillfoots and Stirling County. He has represented Scotland at under-17 and under-18 level.

Young Leader/Volunteer - Sponsored Stephen Campbell in association with Braveheart

Alison MacFarlane - Alloa Academy

Alison is a Youth Sports Trust platinum Ambassador and volunteers at events such as cross country, after school clubs and interschool badminton events. She assists the PE department by getting fellow pupils to take part in interschool events and keeps them informed of exercise and sports events. She is an enthusiastic, dedicated volunteer who motivates and encourages others to get involved in volunteering and participation in activities and sport.

Triumph Over Adversity - Sponsored by Machin Associates

Meggan Dawson-Farrell - Athletics

Megan has broken every Scottish record from 100m to the half marathon. She is a member of Scottish Athletics disability sport national squad. She was selected to be the face of disability sport for the Scottish Government's Active nation Campaign. Over the last year she has won 18 gold and 6 silver medals at various events and is on course to compete at the 2014 Commonwealth games in Glasgow.

Enid Barton Coach of the Year Award

Liane Rooney -Tae Kwon Do

A 6th Dan with Alloa School of Tae Kwon Do Liane is coach to European and World medallists from Clackmannanshire. She is assistant coach for the ITF European and World Championships in Estonia and The Netherlands. At the World Championships the team won 2 gold, 2 silver and 6 bronze. And at the 2011 Martial Arts Games the team won 5 silver and 7 bronze medals.

School Team of the Year - The Judy Collier Trophy

Alva Primary Athletics Team

Alva Primary has won the Clackmannanshire Schools Athletic Championships for the last eight years. During this time they have gained 62 gold, 42 silver and 25 bronze medals. The team holds 12 championship records. The team fosters positive beliefs, increases self esteem and the work they do is a major part of the ethos of culture and achievement of the school.

Team of the Year - Sponsored by Russel + Aitken

Hillfoots Rugby Under 18's

Over the last 18 months this team has been formed from a disbanded under 16s team. Through the efforts of a number of key players they doubled the numbers of players in the squad. They entered their 1st league at the start of 2011/12 and have had incredible success, currently topping their league against much more experienced sides.

Service to Sport - Sponsored by SALSC

Mary Greaves - Swimming

Mary has contributed over 20 years' service to swimming. She was a highly respected member of the swimming team and was a great asset. Swimmers who worked with Mary always greatly improved their swimming skills. Mary was a committed, reliable and hard working coach who had a fantastic way of motivating and inspiring children and other coaches in sport.

Winners: Abercromby Primary School and IBM

Abercromby Primary School was approached by IBM 18 months ago in relation to their 'Engineer a Robot' event. This offers up to 60 children from P7 a hands-on experience where teams of participants learn how to design, build and programme an actual, physical robot using programming software. They also learn how to produce a Powerpoint presentation summarising their findings. Each team is assisted by at least one IBM engineer.

The event provides experience of the world of work and enables children to see the relevance of their school work in a real world context. It also allows them to apply the co-operative learning and technology skills they have learned in the classroom, at the same time as assuming a role within a team with real responsibilities. It provides a situation parallel to that of employment in the real world. Some children may even be inspired to pursue a career in engineering.

IBM staff also benefit from the experience. It enables them to bring their skills and passions into the school community, develop their own skills and attract young people into engineering.

determined to succeed

Determined to Succeed winners headteacher at Abercromby Primary School Fraser Forsyth with Fiona Caffyn from IBM; and runners-up Principal Teacher Yvonne Fulton from Clackmannan Primary School and William Paterson from Clackmannan Community Council; and Tracy Gibson from the Tullibody Healthy Living Initiative.

Clackmannanshire Landlords Work Together On Easier Access to Housing

Clackmannanshire Council has been working with its partners Ochil View Housing Association and Paragon Housing Association, to achieve simpler and fairer access to social rented housing in Clackmannanshire.

We launched the Common Housing Register in April, and since then you only need to contact one of the above landlords and complete one registration form if you wish to apply for social housing in Clackmannanshire. Once complete, the form will be shared by the three partners. If one of the landlords requires additional information to assess your housing needs they will contact you direct.

Each landlord will continue to have their own housing allocations policy, however we have been working together to ensure that we have common definitions of housing need to ensure that people with the most housing need are prioritised on the housing registers.

John Gillespie, Head of Community and Regulatory Services, said: "There is a very high demand for social housing in Clackmannanshire and the supply of properties available for let is low in comparison, so we would encourage people who are applying for housing to keep their options as wide as possible and therefore consider the three landlords as an option. Implementing a Common Housing Register will ensure that everyone has the opportunity to be considered for housing by the three mainstream social landlords."

Graeme Wilson, Ochil View's Housing Services Manager said: "Today is the result of a lot of hard work over several years. We have put the interests of people in housing need at the centre of our service to make it simpler and easier to apply for a house in Clackmannanshire. We look forward to working with our partners to improve still further in the future."

Graeme Wilson (Ochil View), Linda Duncan (Paragon) and Jennifer Queripel from the Council (l to r) launch the Common Housing Register

Linda Duncan, Policy and Compliance Manager Paragon Housing Association said: "Our three organisations have been working in partnership for many years and I am delighted that we have successfully launched our Common Housing Register. It will enable our housing applicants to have easier access to all three housing lists. I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who participated throughout all the stages of the development process."

If you require specialist housing there are other local landlords you may wish to consider. Our housing officers can provide advice on this

Did you know?

Energy efficiency is one of the 5 criteria that make up the Scottish Housing Quality Standard. Though 2011/12 figures have not yet been confirmed, 99.5% of our Council houses were classed as energy efficient in 2009/10. This figure dropped slightly to 93.5% in 2010/11, though we still achieved a 4th place ranking nationally. We also measure the percentage of Council houses meeting all 5 elements of the Standard - 76.6% in 2009/10, improving to 84.5% in 2010/11.

More Empowerment for Clackmannanshire Tenants

Scotland's first Social Housing Charter set to improve standards

Social housing has entered a new era with the launch of Scotland's first Social Housing Charter.

Directly affecting almost a third of households in Clackmannanshire, the Social Housing Charter sets 16 outcomes that all social landlords should be achieving for the tenants and other customers.

The Charter, which came into force in April, followed extensive consultation with landlords and tenants. Key outcomes for tenants and other customers include that they: find it easy to participate in decisions that affect them; live in well-maintained neighbourhoods where they feel safe; and receive services that provide continually improving value for the rent and other charges they pay.

Councillor Craig Holden, Depute Leader of the Council said: "The Charter empowers tenants across Clackmannanshire, to hold landlords, including the Council, to account for the services they deliver by stating clearly in plain language what they and other customers can expect from their landlord.

"We will be working closely with tenants and landlords to assist in the consultation of the final charter and we will continue to work jointly with tenants to work towards meeting the standards and outcomes expected by our customers."

April also saw the launch of the new Scottish Housing Regulator who is responsible for monitoring, assessing and reporting on landlords' performance against the outcomes.

The Regulator will publish an annual performance report stating how well landlords are doing and where they need to improve.

To read the full charter go to www.scotland.gov.uk/publications/2012/03/2602

New Scheme to Combat Rogue Traders

The responsibility owners have to maintain their homes can be a challenge. We know that one of the main reasons people put off doing essential works and house improvements is that they are concerned they will be 'ripped off' by rogue traders.

To combat this Stirling and Clackmannanshire Councils' Housing and Joint Trading Standards Services want all reputable trades people and businesses to join the area's first 'Buy With Confidence' scheme, with a particular focus on home improvement.

'Buy with Confidence' is a national Trading Standards approved trader scheme which provides consumers with a list of reputable local businesses, vetted by Trading Standards Officers for trustworthiness and who comply with consumer protection laws. Only if they pass all the stringent checks can businesses display the 'Buy With Confidence' logo.

Approved businesses will be monitored by Trading Standards to ensure their standards remain high and customers will be invited to give feedback. With support from the Housing Service, keen to encourage owners to keep properties in good condition, the scheme will not attract a membership fee for local traders until at least April 2014.

For years Trading Standards Services have been unable to tell the public who to avoid, and who they should go to, when buying goods or services. For this reason, we want local traders to sign-up to the 'Buy With Confidence - Trading Standards Approved' as their good trader scheme.

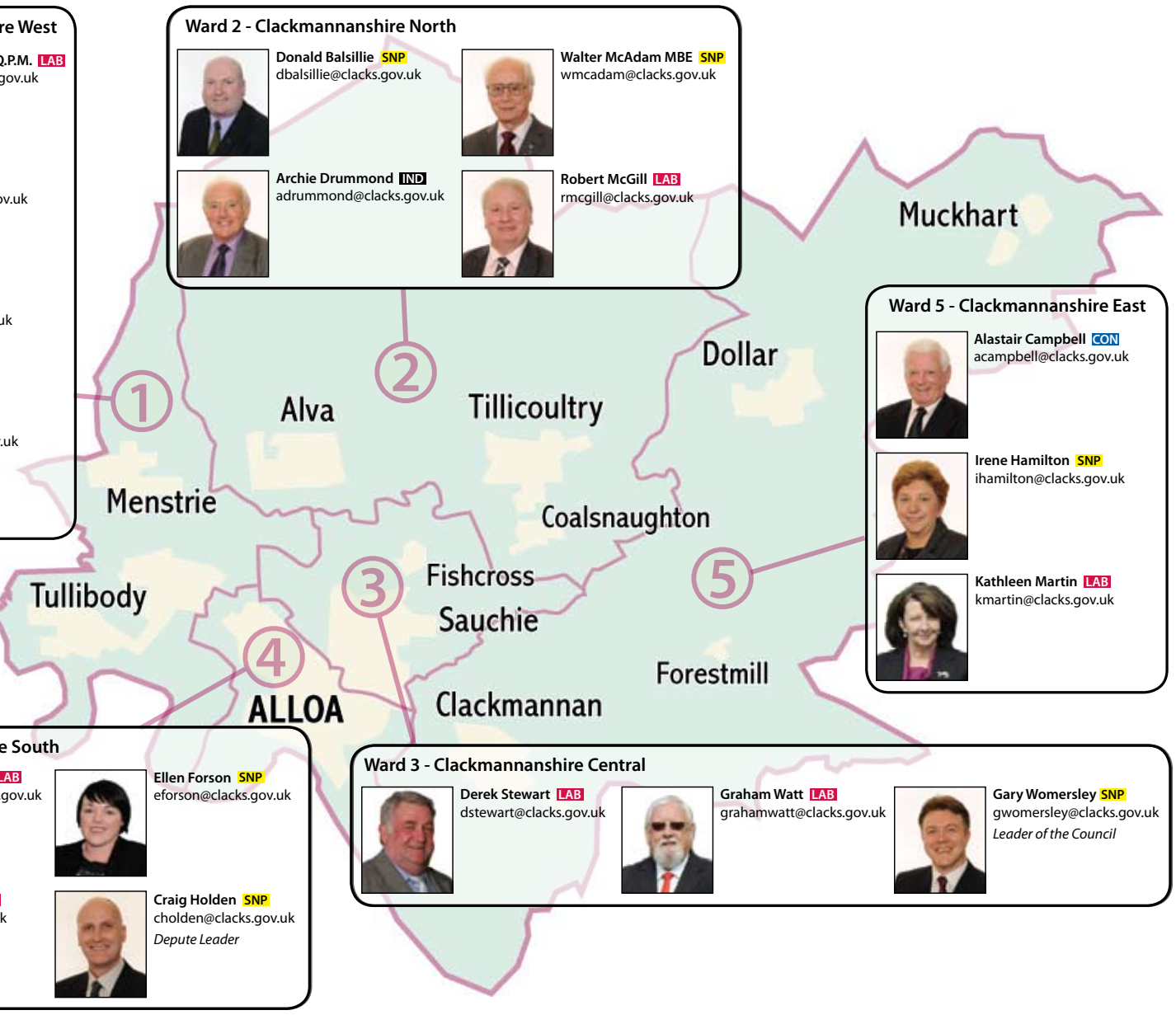
Trading Standards Officer Brian Wilson who is rolling out the scheme locally said: "Rogue traders are responsible for a lot of problems, and tend to target the most vulnerable members of society. The first step is to sign-up reputable traders to the scheme and then later this year we will be in a position to provide local residents with details of approved traders who are able to do any work needed professionally."

Elizabeth Anne Syme, Clackmannanshire Council's Private Sector Housing Co-ordinator, has worked closely with Brian to get the scheme up and running. She is looking forward to making it easier for homeowners to get work done in their homes. She said: "This will make it much easier for people to find a contractor to carry out work to their properties, without being worried that they are going to get a poor job done or pay over the odds. That's good news for the people of Clackmannanshire."

Traders can apply for membership or receive further information by visiting www.buywithconfidence.gov.uk or calling the local Trading Standards Service on 01786 442931 or email bwc@stirling.gov.uk and Brian or one of his colleagues will assist.

Meet Your Councillors

You elected 18 councillors to represent you on Clackmannanshire Council at the polls on 3rd May.
There are five wards in Clackmannanshire, each represented by 3 or 4 elected members
An important aspect of the member's role is to represent the interests of the local community. Councillors are accountable to the public for the provision of quality services, for establishing the Council's policy framework and for decisions taken at Council and committee meetings. Councillors hold surgeries where you can raise issues or you can raise a query by telephone, email or in writing. At a meeting of the Council in May, Councillor Tina Murphy was elected as Provost and Councillor Gary Womersley was elected as Leader.
More information about your local councillor is available online at www.clacksweb.org.uk/council/wards/



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Foster Carers Desperately Needed

Clackmannanshire Council wants the children in our care to be able to stay close to home in secure placements.

We need local foster carers to help us do that.

One couple, from Clackmannan, who began as foster carers last year, have found it to be a wonderful experience. They have three teenagers in their foster care, two of whom are sisters.

They said: " We had a friend who was a foster carer and we saw the experience they were getting out of it over the years and they encouraged us to become carers.

"It was a long process, over ten months to become approved carers and all the various checks and training, but it is so worthwhile. The social worker who helped us through the lead up process was terrific. She explained everything to us and gave us all the information we needed.

"Once you understand what is expected of you and all the paperwork is completed it was a very exciting experience when we fostered our first child.

"We had to go and meet him first to give us the chance to get to know him as well as for him to know us and feel comfortable around us. He was only with us for two weeks, but we knew that was going to be the case as he was a respite placement.

"You have to be patient and understanding with every child, and try to get to grips with their needs and feelings. And above all make them feel and treat them as part of your own family. It helps them settle better and they quite rightly look upon it as their home and treat it as their home."

The couple would not hesitate to recommend to anyone to take part in foster caring and help offer a child a secure home during a difficult time in their lives. More local foster carers are desperately needed in Clackmannanshire.

Council foster carers can be single, in a relationship or married. Whether you have children of your own or not isn't important: that you have room in your home and patience and understanding is crucial.

The couple added: "There is no set time as to how much notice you get when a child will be placed with you to foster. It could be an emergency, or could be planned. It could be within a couple of hours notice or a couple of weeks. Although most of the time Social Work will try to give you warning and introduce you to the child or children and give you the chance to get to know them."

Our social workers work closely with foster carers, offering training and advice. Foster carers also receive an allowance for each child fostered.

The couple commented: "Foster carers also meet each other and share the experience at forums, and we learn from each other through this."

If you have the care and attention to give to vulnerable children and would like to find out more call 450000, email childcare@clacks.gov.uk or look at our web pages at www.clacksweb.org.uk/children/fostering/ for more information. You could make all the difference to a child's future.

New community councils formed

Three new community councils have formed in Clackmannanshire which means that everyone in the county has community council representation.

Following a review of community council boundaries in late 2011, three new community council areas were formed and residents were invited to submit nominations for people to become community councillors. This resulted in the establishment of new community councils in Alloa, Sauchie & Fishcross and Tillicoultry, Coalsnaughton & Devonside in February/March 2012

Returning Officer for Clackmannanshire and Council Chief Executive Elaine McPherson said: "This is a good demonstration of active citizenship and people coming together for the benefit of their local community."

The new Alloa Community Council has 16 community councillors. It covers the former Alloa Central, Bowmar and Alloa West areas. Sauchie & Fishcross Community Council has 14 community councillors. Tillicoultry, Coalsnaughton & Devonside Community Council has 12 community councillors. A full list of newly elected community councillors appears on ClacksWeb at www.clacksweb.org.uk/council/communitycouncilelections/

What's on

Armed Forces Day 27th June

Clackmannanshire Council will be hosting a Flag Raising Ceremony for Armed Forces Day.

The ceremony takes place at Alloa Town Hall at 11am on Wednesday 27th June.

Representatives from the local cadets, veterans, local dignitaries and high school pupils will be in attendance.

This event takes place every year to celebrate the UK's Armed Forces - past, present and future. Clackmannanshire is one of hundreds of Councils across the country who are taking part in a week of official celebrations in honour of our Armed Forces.

ARMED FORCES DAY
SHOW YOUR SUPPORT

Forth Valley Open Studios event 9th - 17th June

Artists across Central Scotland open their doors from Saturday 9th June to Sunday 17th June for the annual Open Studios event.

Over 100 artists, including 15 in Clackmannanshire, and 71 venues over central Scotland open their studio doors for a nine day event.

The public are welcome to explore the four areas of the Trossachs, the Campsies, Falkirk and the Ochils to visit artists in their studios.

To view the full colour brochure and directions to all studios and participating galleries visit the Forth Valley Open Studios website at www.forthvalleyopenstudios.com

Olympic Torch Relay 13th June

A 12-year-old girl, and Ironman triathlete and a soldier who has recently returned from Afghanistan are amongst Clackmannanshire's Torchbearers who will carry the Olympic Flame this summer.

Our inspirational Torchbearers will carry the Flame through Alloa on Wednesday 13th June as part of the London 2012 Olympic Torch Relay. The route starts outside Alloa Athletic's stadium in Clackmannan Road, and goes past Forth Valley College, along King Street and past the train station, towards Alloa Town Hall, finishing at Marshill.

And in addition, four inspiring people from Clackmannanshire will be carrying the Olympic Flame elsewhere in Scotland as part of the Torch Relay.

It is hoped that people of all ages throughout Clackmannanshire will turn out in force to welcome the Olympic Flame, share in the excitement of the Relay, and celebrate the achievements of the Torchbearers by lining the streets along the route.

The streets along the London 2012 Olympic Torch Relay, which can be viewed in full at www.london2012.com/olympictorchrelay, gives street-by-street details and proposed start times for when the Olympic Flame will travel through Alloa. Residents living in and around Clackmannanshire can find out when it will be travelling along their nearest high street, through their town square or past their local village shop.

Countryside Rangers Programme

Clackmannanshire's Countryside Ranger Service have a fantastic programme of events over the summer months.

The programme includes a series of practical conservation volunteering days for people who wish to get involved in practical work in the countryside preserving a wide range of habitats and improving path networks across the county. The events take place on the last Wednesday of each month between 11.30am and 2pm.

Then on Saturday 16th and Sunday 17th June there will be a Family Survival event at Ochil Hills Woodland Park between 1.30pm to 3.30pm.

In July the focus will be on a Family Camp Out on Saturday and Sunday, 21st and 22nd. It will be evening through to the following morning. Venue will be confirmed on booking.

John Muir Trust Week will take place from 31st July to 4th August at Gartmorn Dam, and then on Saturday and Sunday, 18th and 19th August there will be a Pond Dip/Mini Beast Hunt, also at Gartmorn Dam, between 11.30am and 2pm each day.

The spotlight will then fall on a Bat Walk at Ochil Hills Woodland Park on Saturday, 1st September, from 7.30pm until 9.30pm.

October's highlight will feature Feed the Birds Days in Alloa and Alva on Saturday and Sunday, 27th and 28th October. That will take place, each day, from 1pm until 2.30pm.

And finally on Saturday 10th November, there will be a Walk on the Dark Side at Ochil Hills Woodland Park, between 7pm and 9.30pm.

Copies of the programme are available online at www.clacksweb.org.uk/environment/rangerevents/ or can be picked up from Council offices.

Ochils Festival 9th - 23rd June

OCHILS Landscape Partnership

How often do you stop to appreciate the scenery around you? How much do you know about how the Ochils landscape impacted on the area's agricultural and industrial past? Would you like to know more about Hillfoots heritage and culture? Did you know that there are many rare plants and flowers in the area? Would you like new opportunities to get out into the fresh air and meet new people? This is your opportunity to get out there into the Ochils.

The Ochils Festival, part of the Ochils Landscape Partnership project, offers the opportunity for locals and visitors to gain a greater understanding and appreciation of the Ochils and Hillfoots. There is something for everyone on the programme: there are talks and workshops on local history and archaeology; botany, photography, heritage and placenames walks; guided tours of ancient kirkyards, where you can learn about gravestone markings and some of the interesting people buried in the area; natural art and outdoor survival activities for all the family; food foraging events; and a genealogy drop-in session to help you research your own family's history.

All of the events are free, although booking is recommended for some and essential for others.

For more information see www.ochils.org.uk, www.facebook.com/OchilsLandscapePartnership or find us @OchilsLandscape on Twitter.

The Ochils Landscape Partnership is funded by the Heritage Lottery Fund, EDF Energy, Clackmannanshire Council, Clackmannanshire & Stirling Environment Trust, and Clackmannanshire Heritage Trust, and is a partnership of 20 local organisations.

Gala Days

Many of our communities organise the tradition family fun days that are Gala Days throughout the summer.

Menstrie Gala Day is on 9th June from noon-4pm in Dumyat Park. This is the 5th anniversary of the Gala and is the culmination of Fete Week.

Tillicoultry Gala Day is on 17th June from noon-4pm in Tillicoultry Public Park, with the traditional parade through the town.

Tullibody Gala Day is on 28th July from noon-4pm and will have Diamond Jubilee and Olympic themed events.

And **Sauchie and Fishcross Gala Day** is on 25th August from noon-4pm.

Clacks BID

The latest event being planned by Alloa Town Centre BID is a regular local producers market. Check out their website www.atcbid.com to find out where and when this will take place.

Diamond Jubilee

Alloa Community Council is organising a Diamond Jubilee Gala Day in Greenfield Park, Alloa, 9th June from noon-4pm