
To: PAISLEY NORTH LOCAL AREA COMMITTEE

On: 20 AUGUST 2015

Report by: DIRECTOR OF COMMUNITY RESOURCES

**Heading: COMMUNITY SAFETY & PUBLIC PROTECTION,
PROGRESS UPDATE**

1. Summary

1.1 This report provides a progress update on some of the activities the Safer & Stronger Renfrewshire Partnership have carried out in the Paisley North area in quarter 1 (1 April – 30 June 2015). Statistical information has been provided by a number of partners including: Police Scotland; Scottish Fire & Rescue Service; and Renfrewshire Community Safety Partnership. The report includes information on:

- Paisley North community safety statistics;
- environmental enforcement and improvement activities;
- protecting vulnerable residents;
- building safer communities;
- diversionary activities; and
- the work of Renfrewshire Child Protection Committee.

1.2 Overall, during quarter 4 levels of recorded crime decreased within the Paisley North area when compared with the same period in the last year.

1.3 The issuing of Fixed Penalty Notices for Environmental Crime (litter, dog fouling & smoking ban related offences) has reduced highlighting that enforcement action has become more difficult as visible warden patrols have made the public more conscious of them.

- 1.4 There has been an increase in the number of fires reported to the Scottish Fire and Rescue Service which is linked to an ASB 'hotspot' area. The Partnership has implemented an operational plan to resolve the issue.
 - 1.5 Street Stuff continues to deliver with total attendance within the LAC area of 1,776 participants and a corresponding low level of vandalism and youth disorder maintaining levels achieved in the same quarter last year.
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2. Recommendation

- 2.1 That the Local Area Committee notes the content of this progress update report.
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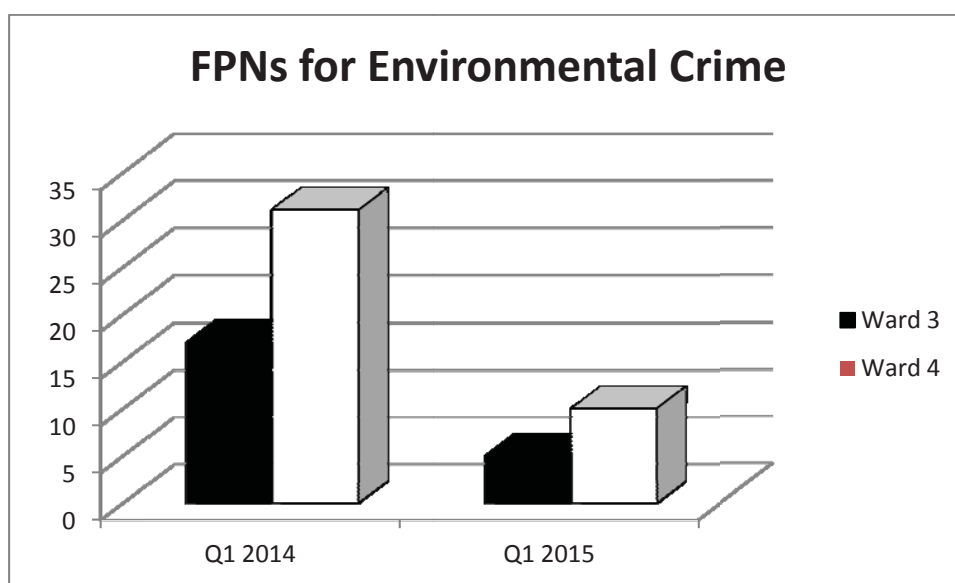
3. Focus on Paisley North

- 3.1 During this quarter, the Safer and Stronger Renfrewshire Partnership have continued to target resources into hotspot areas where the highest number of crime and antisocial behaviour (ASB) incidents were reported:
 - The highest tariff complaint type within Ward 3 during the last quarter was Public Nuisance, followed by Disturbance. Overall, ASB and disorder decreased by around 16% during the most recent reporting period. The highest tariff streets were identified as New Street and Glasgow Road, with peak days/times linked to the night-time economy (2000hrs to 0300hrs).
 - Overall, ASB and disorder within Ward 4 decreased by around 8% during the most recent reporting period. The highest tariff complaint type related to Public Nuisance, with the old RAI remaining a repeat location.
- 3.2 Within Ward 3, minor assault, drug crime and vandalism all reduced during Q1 of 2015/16 in comparison to the corresponding period last year. The only increase noted was within serious violent crime, which increased from three incidents to seven. There was no obvious pattern to the increase, with a small number of serious assaults (all of which would appear to be related to the night-time economy); an opportunistic robbery (bag snatch) outside the Paisley Centre.
- 3.3 Drug crime increased significantly within Ward 4 (by nearly one-half, approx 48%), with small clusters of incidents noted within the West End of the town centre, and Ferguslie Park areas. In addition, a notable cluster was identified around the Fountain Gardens/Glen Street area, where peak days/times were identified on Tuesday and Thursday afternoons, and Friday evenings between 2000hrs and 2200hrs. A very slight increase was also recorded within Serious

Violent crime, whilst reductions were noted within minor assaults and vandalism.

Crime Type	Q1 2014/15		Q1 2015/16		Change	
	Ward 3	Ward 4	Ward 3	Ward 4	Ward 3	Ward 4
Serious Violent crime	3	10	7	11	↑	↑
Minor Assault	47	58	31	55	↓	↓
Drug Crime	68	81	53	120	↓	↑
Disorder and ASB	489	638	412	587	↓	↓
Vandalism	38	72	27	58	↓	↓

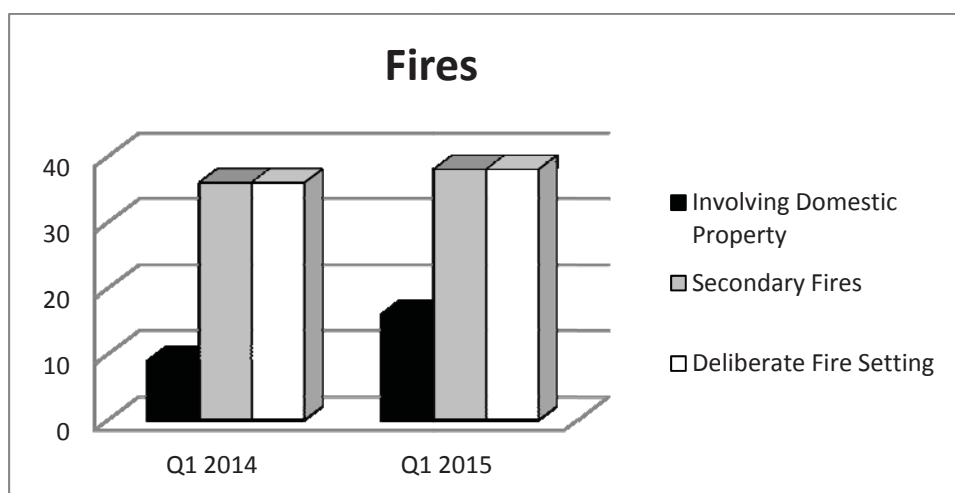
- 3.4 In this quarter, there was a significant reduction in the issuing of Fixed Penalty Notices for Environmental Crime (litter, dog fouling & smoking ban related offences). Enforcement action has become more difficult as our education programmes and visible warden patrols have made the public more conscious of them. Dog fouling complaints remain high and unfortunately awareness of patrols by the Wardens has reduced the number of offences being witnessed. We are currently reviewing the visibility of wardens on patrol with a view to making their uniform less visible, to increase the likelihood of issuing Fixed Penalty Notices (FPNs) to perpetrators in the future.



- 3.5 In the same quarter, 12% of all complaints to Renfrewshire Community Safety Partnership (Community Resources) were related to Dog Fouling which continued to be the most common complaint. 1710 community safety patrols were undertaken in Paisley North LAC area with a number of targeted interventions:

Dog Issues dealt with by actions	Ward 3	Ward 4
Dog Warden Visit	0	10
Dog fouling sign erected	6	7
Dog returned to owners	1	2
Dog taken to SSPCA	3	0
Visit re out of control dog	3	18
Warning letter issued	1	5
Dog Control Notice issued (DCN)	1	0
Monitoring visit (DCN)	9	12
Dog Fouling Leaflet Delivered	3	1

- 3.6 The Scottish Fire & Rescue Service recorded a significant increase in the number of fires in this LAC area, during the period from April to June 2015. The increase in secondary fires and deliberate fire setting is linked to recent youth disorder (see 3.10).



- 3.7 The Safer & Stronger Renfrewshire Partnership's main diversionary project is Street Stuff. This project has now been operating across Renfrewshire for the last 6 years and continues to contribute significantly towards reductions in youth disorder and antisocial behaviour.
- 3.8 The table below shows Street Stuff activity and attendance in the Paisley North LAC area from April to June 2015:

Venue	Sessions	Attendance
Shortroods	25	362
Shortroods Box	25	303
Williamsburgh	1	23
Seedhill	12	91
Underwood Lane	8	70
SMFC Dome	25	927
Total	96	1776

- 3.9 The table below shows that calls to Police Scotland relating to vandalism & youth disorder is increasing. However, they are relatively low figures which have been directly linked to increasing Street Stuff attendances and the success of the programme.

Vandalism & Youth Disorder			
Ward	Q1 2014/15	Q1 2015/16	% Change
3	55	61	11%↑
4	76	104	37%↑

- 3.10 Within Ward 3, there was an 11% increase in the number of reported Vandalism & Youth Disorder incidents – this equates to an additional 6 incidents. However, within Ward 4, there was a significant increase of more than one-third (37%), where the majority of incidents were spread over a large area of the West End of Paisley. The majority of these incidents related to youths climbing roofs/scaffolding and throwing stones, with peak days/times identified on Tue/Wed/Thu evenings between 1700hrs and 2100hrs. The Community Safety agencies have been working in partnership to tackle this rise in ASB. This has resulted in the identification several youth offenders who have been referred to the Community Safety Youth Team. A holistic partnership approach has been applied to address the behaviour of individuals involved.
- 3.11 Funding from this LAC in 2015/16 has allowed Street Stuff to deliver extra sessions in local areas. Street Stuff now provide 13 sessions over 7 days per week in the summer months in the Paisley North LAC area. Previously in 2014 it was only 7 sessions over 6 days per week. The Street Stuff timetable attached as Appendix 1 shows the locations and dates of activities being delivered until mid August 2015 across Renfrewshire.

4 Environmental Enforcement and Improvements

4.1 Clean Up Europe Day 2015

Several clean-up campaigns have been implemented in Europe over the past years to tackle the litter problem. The European Clean-Up Day, “Let’s Clean Up Europe!” brings these initiatives together to have a Europe-wide clean-up event that takes place on the same day all over the continent; involving and reaching as many citizens as possible. This year European Clean-Up Day took place on 8-10 May 2015. Nearly 300 Renfrewshire residents including over 150 children ‘did their bit’ by participating in 7 clean ups / litter picks in various locations including St James’s/ Mossvale Primary School grounds, public land and local neighbourhoods in the Paisley Town Centre area. These events were organised by environmental volunteer groups, primary schools and local businesses with support from Renfrewshire Council. We helped these participating groups by supplying litterpicking equipment and arranging uplift of the rubbish collected.

4.2 **Noise Action Week**

In May, Noise Action Week 2015 took place to raise awareness of noise. Noise Action Week was co-ordinated by Environmental Protection UK who work year round assisting the work of professionals in noise management. The Community Safety Partnership supported the initiative by delivering a 'road show' focused on raising awareness of domestic and commercial noise. The Safe Bus travelled to a shopping area in a different LAC area each day during the Noise Action Week (including Paisley Town Centre). Noise Enforcement and Environmental Health Officers were available to give advice to the public on noise issues including:

- How excessive noise affects people;
- The work undertaken by the Council to control excessive noise;
- How to make complaints regarding domestic and commercial premises;
- A demonstration of noise monitoring equipment;
- Advice on acceptable decibel levels for various times of day and how the volumes of noise relate to decibel readings;
- The new working hours of the Night Noise Team and Wardens Service.

Residents who attended the road shows were keen to learn about our services and on some occasions highlighted noise issues they were experiencing. Some of these issues were anti social behaviour complaints that we referred to appropriate officers to be investigated.

5. **Protecting the Vulnerable**

I Am Me/Keep Safe

- 5.1 In June, Renfrewshire Council (Safer and Stronger Renfrewshire Partnership) was a finalist at 2015 Alarm Risk Awards. This was the fourth year in succession that a project from Renfrewshire Community safety Partnership has been shortlisted in these awards. This year we were runners up for this prestigious UK prize with the judging panel highly commending the community safety initiative, I Am Me and Keep Safe. I Am Me is a multi award winning community project which is supported by Renfrewshire Council and works in partnership with Police Scotland to raise awareness of disability hate crime. The project has two key initiatives - I Am Me and Keep Safe. I Am Me works with a range of partners to raise awareness of disability hate crime through innovative and engaging methods, such as drama and education. Keep Safe works with a network of local businesses to create safe places for disabled, elderly and vulnerable people when out in the community. Both initiatives are

currently being rolled out across Scotland in partnership with Police Scotland and a number of Scottish local authorities.

6. Building Safer Communities

Stalled Spaces

- 6.1 Renfrewshire Council has £20,000 of funding in 2015/16 to bring derelict or vacant land back to temporary use within the Renfrewshire area as part of the wider Stalled Spaces Scotland programme, managed by Architecture & Design Scotland. Community groups can apply for this funding in amounts of £250 - £5,000. In May, Engage Renfrewshire hosted two community engagement events to promote Stalled Spaces to community groups and educational establishments. Architecture & Design Scotland and Glasgow City Council who are renowned for best practise in Stalled Spaces project development both delivered presentations. Since these community engagement events, several community groups have expressed an interest in applying for projects. The Greener Renfrewshire Thematic Board will assess their applications in August and at future board meetings. If you have a group who are interested in applying, visit the Renfrewshire 2023 website (www.renfrewshire2023.com) for an application form, guidance notes and a copy of the scoring matrix used to assess each application.

Brighter Renfrewshire Alcohol Awareness Week (BRAW)

- 6.2 During June, Renfrewshire Alcohol and Drug Partnership and Renfrewshire Community Planning Partnership hosted an alcohol awareness week, known as BRAW (Brighter Renfrewshire Alcohol Awareness Week). BRAW aims were to:

- Promote sensible drinking messages;
- Encourage people to seek support;
- Change attitudes to alcohol;
- Involve communities in tackling alcohol issues;
- Prevent or reduce harm caused by alcohol;
- Celebrate and support recovery from addiction.

Renfrewshire's inaugural BRAW Week took place on 15 – 19 June and the Renfrewshire Community Safety Partnership supported the week through the deployment of the Safe Bus at Bridge Of Weir and Barshaw Gala Days where the aim was to engage the community in a fun & interactive way about the effects of alcohol. As well as promoting safe drinking messages, we used "Alcohol Goggles" which simulate the experience of being uncoordinated as well as navigating/driving remote control cars around a predetermined obstacle route highlighting the serious consequences of drink driving and the

inevitable consequences.

The Street Stuff programme also took part, with the new Youth Bus and Street Football present at the BRAW Street Party at Abbey Close, Paisley on 19th June. The party also had live music, Science Centre Bodyworks, face painting, food and mocktails which all helped to create a family fun event.

7. Diversionary Activities

Street Stuff

- 7.1 In May, Street Stuff and the national Bank of Scotland Midnight League initiative hosted the annual 'Festival of Football' at St Mirren Park in Paisley. The Bank of Scotland Midnight League is a national network of 5-a-side football supported by the Scottish Football Association (SFA). SFA coaches were able to team up with Street Stuff co-ordinators to run the festival. Over 300 young people from across five Council areas (Renfrewshire, Glasgow, East Renfrewshire, Inverclyde, Argyle & Bute) took part in the 5-a-side games. The tournament received funding from the CashBack for Communities initiative which takes money recovered under the Proceeds of Crime Act and invests it back into local communities. This allowed players aged 10-16 to demonstrate their skills on the St Mirren main pitch. There were ultimately 4 victorious teams who all received winners' medals for their different age groups and all participants were able to meet several members of St Mirren's first team squad.

Street Stuff Evaluation Follow Up

- 7.2 The University of the West of Scotland undertook an independent evaluation of the Street Stuff programme during 2014. As a follow up in 2015, Social Work students from the University have been undertaking observation placements. In this quarter, 2nd year students visited 2 days per week over a 10 week period. They were shown how Street Stuff links into Social Work in practice. The feedback from students on the Street Stuff programme was very positive:

- *Street Stuff is giving children and young people an opportunity to thrive and develop. They have somewhere to go and something to do without getting themselves into trouble.*
- *The staff team get down to the children's level, having fun with them and building up a positive relationship, which in turn allows the child to feel comfortable to open up and share any concerns or worries.*
- *Issues or concerns can then be linked in with other agencies to get the appropriate support and help for the young person and their families.*

- *We gained more experience and knowledge from attending Street Stuff than we would have at a traditional social care setting due to the amount of partnership working.*

These pilot Social Work student observation placements have been successful, so further placements have been scheduled and will continue on a yearly basis. This will allow us to gain independent evaluation data on the Street Stuff programme on a regular basis.

Youth Bus

- 7.3 Street Stuff reintroduced the Youth Bus in June 2015 due to popular demand. The bus was kitted out with the latest gaming equipment similar to 'the box' and will provide more flexibility in terms of reaching wider areas of Renfrewshire as well as supporting the council's 'Do Your Bit' campaign. Other activities and equipment are being explored to enhanced programme further.

8. Integrated Control Room & CCTV System

- 8.1 Construction works for the new integrated control room and CCTV network are progressing. All existing public space cameras on the network, have now been upgraded with the further 10 new cameras due for installation across Renfrewshire during July 2015. The improved mobile camera functionality is now being provided through the new mobile CCTV vans used within the Wardens Service. The current control room is now operating with upgraded software and functionality, which is producing images of a much higher quality than was previously possible. The CCTV system will continue to operate from Mill Street Police station until migration to the new integrated control room.

9. Public Protection Spotlight – Child Protection

The Renfrewshire Child Protection Committee

- 9.1 The Renfrewshire Child Protection Committee (RCPC) is the inter-agency strategic partnership responsible for all Child Protection services. Their vision statement says:

- "It is everyone's job to make sure that children in Renfrewshire are safe. We will strive to ensure that the protection of children is a responsibility that is shared by all our staff in partnership with the community"

RCPC has representation from a wide range of agencies, including the Children's Hearing Chair; Police Scotland; Procurator Fiscal, Renfrewshire Health & Social Care Partnership; Children's Services; Development & Housing Services; Scottish Children's Reporter's Administration, the Voluntary Sector and elected members.

9.2 The key priorities for RCPC for 2015/16 include:

- **Public awareness** - The *No Worries* website was developed in conjunction with young people as a means for children & young people and parents/carers and members of the public to obtain child protection information in a manner that is meaningful and relevant to their needs. A comprehensive public awareness campaign was held during January – March 2015, which included radio advertising, bus shelter advertising and posters. It is anticipated that this activity will be repeated in late summer 2015 and again during winter 2015/16.
- **Continued improvement through comprehensive self evaluation** - Self evaluation activity is also supported by formal evaluation activities. The Care Inspectorate conducted a comprehensive evaluation of children's services in Renfrewshire in early 2015. The finalised report is yet to be published, however it is expected that an action plan will be produced to address the findings of the report. Furthermore, multi agency case file audits are held regularly.
- **Continued multi agency training** - A comprehensive training calendar has been developed in line with local and national priorities such as child sexual exploitation, parental substance misuse; non engagement/non compliance; neglect; information sharing and roles and responsibilities of other agencies involved in child protection. Staff participation is actively encouraged by all agencies who also develop and review staff guidance and protocols to comply with national legislation and local priorities.

Getting It Right For Every Child

9.3 In Renfrewshire, Getting It Right For Every Child (GIRFEC) underpins all work with children, young people and their families to ensure that every child and young person is helped to reach their full potential. Children's well-being is important at every stage of childhood. Every child needs to be:

- safe,
- healthy,
- achieving,
- nurtured,
- active,
- respected,
- responsible and
- included.

The eight indicators of well-being (SHANARRI) which are used to identify concerns and for assessment and planning.

9.4 The Getting It Right For Every Child approach was developed from knowledge, research and experience. It reflects the rights of children expressed in the *United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child (1989)* and builds on the *Scottish Children's Charter (2004)*. Getting It Right For Every Child aims to have support in place so that children and young people get the right help at the right time. This will always include family and/or carers and universal health and education services, who will meet most needs. Specialist help will only be called in when support from the family and community and the universal services can no longer meet their needs. Statutory measures will only be considered when voluntary measures no longer effectively address needs or risks.

9.5 Key elements of Getting It Right For Every Child are enshrined in the Children and Young People (Scotland) Act 2014. The Act requires that the Scottish Government:

- Ensures that all children and young people from birth to 18 years old have access to a Named Person;
- Puts in place a single planning process to support those children who require it through the Child's Plan;
- Places a definition of wellbeing in legislation;
- Places duties on public bodies to coordinate the planning, design and delivery of services for children and young people with a focus on improving wellbeing outcomes, and report collectively on how they are improving those outcomes.

Work on implementing the Named Person and Child's Plan provisions of the Act is currently focused on developing guidance that clearly and comprehensively set out how the duties should be taken forward and what children, young people and their families can expect. These duties are due to come into force in August 2016.

10. Background

10.1 The Safer & Stronger Renfrewshire Partnership brings together key resources to tackle and address issues to sustain and maintain safer and stronger communities. The Partnership consists of Renfrewshire Council, Police Scotland, Scottish Fire & Rescue Service and other community safety agencies.

- 10.2 Our Safer & Stronger Renfrewshire Partnership long-term vision is that:
'Renfrewshire is known as a safe and tolerant place where residents and visitors enjoy a high level of personal safety and public protection and are free from crime. A culture of fairness, respect and equality exists and vulnerable children and adults are well looked after and protected'
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Implications of this Report

1. **Financial** – none.
2. **HR & Organisational Development** – none.
3. **Community Plan/Council Plan**

Safer and Stronger – The activities set out within this report contribute to ensuring that Renfrewshire is a safe and tolerant place where residents and visitors enjoy a high level of personal safety and public protection, are free from crime and vulnerable children and adults are well looked after and protected.

Greener –Activities set out in this report contribute towards developing the quality of the environment of Renfrewshire in a sustainable way ensuring it is clean, green and safe for all residents and visitors.

4. **Legal** – none.
 5. **Property/Assets** – none.
 6. **Information Technology** – none.
 7. **Equality & Human Rights** – The recommendations contained within this report have been assessed in relation to their impact on equalities and human rights. No negative impacts on equality groups or potential for infringement of individuals' human rights have been identified arising from the recommendations contained in the report.
 8. **Health And Safety** – none.
 9. **Procurement** – none.
 10. **Risk** – none.
 11. **Privacy Impact** – none.
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List of Background Papers - none

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	Renfrew & Gallowhill	HCRLE	Paisley South	Paisley North	Johnstone & the Villages
Monday 6.30pm 9.30pm	<u>Knockhill Park</u> Football & Bus	<u>Linwood Playpark</u> Football only(MUGA)	<u>Morar Drive</u> Football + The Box	<u>Beechwood CC</u> Football + The Box	<u>Johnstone Castle – Top Spot</u> Football only
Tuesday 6.30pm 9.30pm	<u>Gallowhill CC</u> Football + The Box	<u>Inchinnan Park</u> Football only	<u>Lochfield Marshes</u> Football & Bus	<u>Jennynswell MUGA</u> Football	<u>McMaster Centre</u> Football + The Box
Wednesday 6.30pm 9.30pm	<u>Knockhill Park</u> Football only	<u>Our Lady of Peace</u> Football & Bus	<u>Morar Drive</u> Football + The Box	<u>Seedhill Muga</u> Football only <u>Underwood Lane</u> Football only	<u>Bridge of Weir Primary School</u> Football only
Thursday 6.30pm 9.30pm	<u>Kirklandhuck CC</u> - Football only <u>KGV Astro –</u> Football only	<u>Ardgryffe park (MUGA)</u> Football only	<u>Glenburn CC - Dance Only</u> <u>Skye Crescent -</u> Football only	<u>Beechwood CC</u> Football + The Box <u>Underwood Lane</u> Football only	<u>McMaster Centre –</u> Football + The Box <u>Elderslie, Glenpatrick - Bus</u>
Friday 6.30pm 9.30pm	<u>Gallowhill CC</u> Football + The Box <u>KGV Astro –</u> Football only	<u>Bargarran PS –</u> Football + The Box	<u>Glenburn CC - Dance Only</u> <u>Skye Crescent –</u> Football only	<u>St Mirren FC</u> Table Tennis + Football	<u>Lochwinnoch park</u> Football & Bus
Saturday 5.30pm 8.30pm	<u>Gallowhill CC</u> Football + The Box <u>KGV Astro –</u> Football only	<u>Bargarran PS –</u> Football + The Box	<u>Skye Crescent –</u> Football only	<u>St Mirren FC</u> Football & Bus	<u>Johnstone Castle – Top Spot</u> Football only
Sunday 2pm – 4pm	<u>Gallowhill CC</u> Football only	<u>Linwood Playpark</u> Football only(MUGA)	<u>Durrockstock Park –</u> Football Only (being reviewed)	<u>St Mirren FC</u> Football	<u>McMaster Centre</u> Football + Dance

Additional Locations

Howwood Primary 10:00am-1:00pm

Tuesday 30th June, 7th July, 14th July, 21st July, 28th July, 4th Aug

Howwood Primary 1:00pm-3:30pm

Thursday 2nd July, 9th July, 16th July, 23rd July, 30th July, 6th Aug

Knockhill Park, Renfrew 1:00-3:00pm

Thursday 2nd July, 9th July, 16th July, 23rd July, 30th July, 6th Aug

Gallowhill

Wednesday 22nd July, 29th July, 5th Aug