
**To: HOUSTON, CROSSLEE, LINWOOD, RIVERSIDE AND ERSKINE
LOCAL AREA COMMITTEE**

On: 2 SEPTEMBER 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 Houston, Crosslee and Riverside 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:

- Houston, Crosslee and Riverside 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 Houston, Crosslee and Riverside area when compared with the same period in the last year.

- 1.3 There has been a significant decrease in the number of fires reported which the Scottish Fire and Rescue Service believe is linked to the success of partnership working to educate, warn and intervene within hotspot areas.
 - 1.4 Street Stuff continues to deliver with total attendance within the LAC area of 993 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 Houston, Crosslee and Riverside

- 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:
 - Within Ward 9, reported incidents of ASB decreased very slightly (3%) in comparison to the corresponding period last year. The highest tariff street was Kintyre Avenue, where the majority of complaints were noise-related and public nuisance.
 - Within Ward 10, reported incidents of ASB reduced by 44%. This significant reduction is related to a previously ongoing situation within Bridge of Weir which has now been resolved to the satisfaction of all parties.
 - There was a reduction of around one-quarter in reported ASB incidents within Ward 11 during the most recent quarter. The peak area was identified as the Park area with the majority of calls related to Public Nuisance. Peaks were identified as weekend evenings between 6pm and 8pm.
- 3.2 During this quarter, increases were noted within Drug Crime and Vandalism, and a very slight increase within Serious Violent Crime (by one incident); whilst a reduction was noted within crimes of Minor Assault. A slight concentration of drugs crimes was identified in the Kintyre Avenue area of Linwood, where every single offence related to the possession of small amounts of cannabis indicating recreational use and not dealing.

- 3.3 A very slight increase was noted within Drug Crimes (by one incident), whilst reductions were identified in Minor Assaults (which nearly halved from 13 incidents to 7); Vandalism; and Serious Violent Crime, which remained static at a very low level.
- 3.4 Within Ward 11, a very slight increase was noted within Drug Crimes (increased from 9 to 11), whilst reductions were noted within Minor Assault and Vandalism, the latter reducing significantly from 19 incidents to 3. Again, Serious Violent Crime remained static at a very low level.

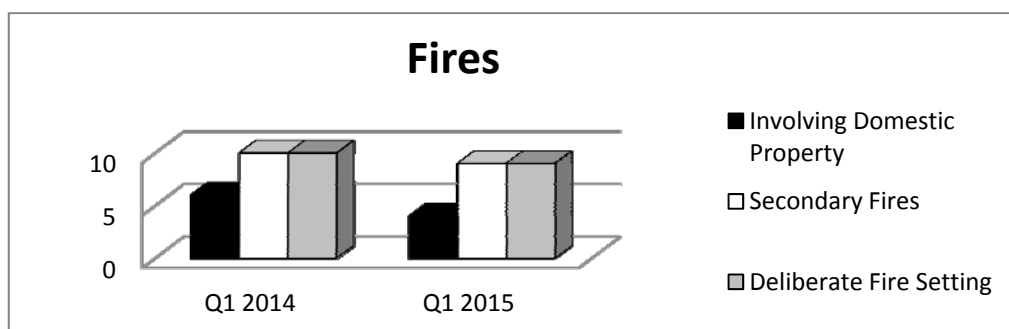
Crime Type	Q1 2014/15			Q1 2015/16			Change		
	Ward 9	Ward 10	Ward 11	Ward 9	Ward 10	Ward 11	Ward 9	Ward 10	Ward 11
Serious Violent Crime	1	1	1	2	1	1	↑	↔	↔
Minor Assault	17	13	11	12	7	10	↓	↓	↓
Drug Crime	8	1	9	19	2	11	↑	↑	↑
Disorder and ASB	160	110	158	155	61	119	↓	↓	↓
Vandalism	10	10	19	14	6	3	↑	↓	↓

- 3.5 During April to June 2015, 14% of all complaints to Renfrewshire Community Safety Partnership (Community Resources) were related to Dog Fouling which continued to be the most common complaint. 989 community safety patrols were undertaken in Houston, Crosslee and Riverside LAC area with a number of targeted interventions:

Dog Issues dealt with by actions	Ward 9	Ward 10	Ward 11
Dog Warden Visit	2	1	1
Dog fouling sign erected	4	2	6
Dog returned to owners	1	2	0
Dog taken to SSPCA	0	0	2
Visit re out of control dog	1	4	17
Warning letter issued	0	2	0
Dog Control Notice issued (DCN)	0	1	2
Monitoring visit (DCN)	6	4	14
Dog Fouling Leaflet Delivered	1	0	0

- 3.6 The Scottish Fire & Rescue Service recorded a decrease in the number of fires in this LAC area, during the period from April to June 2015. A week of

action targeted at the older persons and sheltered housing accommodation helped to reduce in domestic property fires.



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 Houston, Crosslee and Riverside LAC area from April to June 2015:

Venue	Sessions	Attendance
Our Lady of Peace	20	159
Bargarran	26	515
Bargarran Box	23	319
Total	69	993

3.9 The table below shows the continuing overall reduction in calls to Police Scotland relating to vandalism & youth disorder.

Vandalism & Youth Disorder			
Ward	Q1 2014/15	Q1 2015/16	% Change
9	26	32	23%↑
10	9	9	↔
11	50	24	52%↓

3.10 Within Ward 10, incidents remained static and low, with 9 incidents recorded during the most recent quarter. Within Ward 11, however, there was a significant reduction of more than half (52%), with complaints reducing from 50 incidents to 24. Within Ward 9, there was an increase of 23%, which amounted to a further 6 complaints in comparison to the corresponding period last year. A small 'hotspot' was identified in the area of Wilson Avenue/Clippens Road, where 7 complaints were received, and peak day/times identified on Sundays between 1600hrs and 2100hrs.

- 3.11 Funding from this LAC in 2015/16 has allowed Street Stuff to deliver extra sessions in local areas. Street Stuff now provide 10 sessions over 7 days per week in the summer months in the Houston, Crosslee and Riverside LAC area. Previously in 2014 it was only 8 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

Clean Up Europe Day 2015

- 4.1 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 school grounds, public land and local neighbourhoods in the Bridge of Weir 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.

Noise Action Week

- 4.2 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 Asda Linwood & Morrisons Johnstone). 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 antisocial behaviour complaints that we referred to appropriate officers to be investigated.

Rural Watch

- 4.3 In May, Renfrewshire Rural Watch was launched. Renfrewshire Rural Watch is an independent crime watch group made up of farmers, land managers and rural businesses keen to share information and deter crime in their area. Similar to Neighbourhood Watch, the scheme is supported by Police Scotland, Renfrewshire Wardens, Scottish Land and Estates and the Scottish Countryside Alliance. Rural Watch is designed to make rural Renfrewshire secure against illegal activity such as theft and environmental crime, including wildlife crime and crimes against animals by creating a network of people who can share information and report suspicious activity to police. Police Scotland has introduced two dedicated rural officers who will conduct cycle and foot patrols within villages and mobile patrols across various estates, farms and the rural road network. Rural Watch signs will be displayed on roads, farm gates, steadings and road ends to publicise the scheme and deter criminals.

The new initiative will also see the introduction of two dedicated rural policing officers who will provide greater police visibility across rural Renfrewshire. These officers will be seen on cycle and foot patrols within the villages and will carry out mobile patrols across the various estates, farms and rural road network. They will receive specialist training with regard to wildlife crime and will be on hand to deal with some of the issues experienced on the local estates and farms.

This is a new scheme set up with the support of Chief Inspector Simon Wright, Area Commander for Renfrewshire in conjunction with Elderslie Estates, Scottish Land and Estates, Scottish Countryside Alliance and Lycetts.

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 and are nearing completion, allowing the service to begin moving into the Community Safety Partnership Hub next month. All existing public space cameras on the network, have now been upgraded with the further 10 new cameras installed 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 Divisional Headquarters 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.

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>Jennyswell 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>Kirklandnuek CC</u> - Football only <u>KGV Astro –</u> Football only	<u>Ardgryffe park</u> (MUGA) Football only	<u>Glenburn CC</u> - Dance Only <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</u> - Bus
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</u> - Dance Only <u>Skye Crescent –</u> Football only	<u>St Mirren FC</u> Table Tennis + Football	<u>Lochwinnoch park</u> Football & Bus

<p>Saturday 5.30pm 8.30pm</p>	<p><u>Gallowhill CC</u> Football + The Box <u>KGV Astro –</u> Football only</p>	<p><u>Bargarran PS –</u> Football + The Box</p>	<p><u>Skye Crescent –</u> Football only</p>	<p><u>St Mirren FC</u> Football & Bus</p>	<p><u>Johnstone Castle – Top</u> <u>Spot</u> Football only</p>
<p>Sunday 2pm – 4pm</p>	<p><u>Gallowhill CC</u> Football only</p>	<p><u>Linwood Playpark</u> Football only(MUGA)</p>	<p><u>Durrockstock Park –</u> Football Only (being reviewed)</p>	<p><u>St Mirren FC</u> Football</p>	<p><u>McMaster Centre</u> Football + Dance</p>

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