



## Dunblane Development Trust

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## Trust News August 2007.

Dear Members,

It's that time of year again when our AGM is approaching and I reflect on the eventful year that we have had, and what we plan to do for the coming year ahead.

### Dunblane in Bloom.

2006/07 started with the Trust Dunblane in Bloom group once again reaching the finals of Scotland in Bloom, we did not win a prize, but took heart from the good comments we received from the judges for the efforts of our volunteers.

The DiB group of volunteers have been building the infrastructure which was started in 2003, and we knew it would take five years to build, but of course they have done it in four, this year we received a lottery grant which provided all the new planters around the city, and I am sure we can still find flower beds to fine tune, but next year we will concentrate on horticulture, but I think the city centre is looking very nice despite the vandalism, more of which later.

### The Braeport Centre.

The Trust also took over the lease of the Braeport Community Centre in 2007 and we have a short term plan to improve the look of the building inside and out, and long term plan to build a new extension with new toilets and kitchen facilities, but that will require substantial funds from the lottery and other sources.

### The new skate park facility.

The trust were involved in the skate park project which finally came to fruition in 2007, by helping to raise money from different sources and help manage the project during the initial stages.

This was a great example of a community pulling together with Stirling Council to plan, finance and build a project that has been trying to get off the ground for nearly ten years.

It is now up to the skate park committee and the youth of Dunblane to preserve and look after this fantastic facility for future generations, as it promotes exercise and outdoor living and encourages people to enjoy the Laighills for all members of the family.

### The Memorial Bridge.

The Memorial Bridge which was closed in 2006 will now be replaced in September 2007, and again this is a great example of the community working with Stirling Council, the Royal Gurhka Engineers and the Trust pulling together to make a project work, this should be completed by October 2007 in time for the Armistice service in November.

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Vandalism.

This year the Trust volunteers were plagued by youths who thought we were fair game for any of their selfish and destructive behaviour, by throwing new seats in the river, vandalising flower barrels and new planters, spray painting notice boards and bollards and drunken behaviour in general.

We are working with the police to curb this kind of behaviour, but it is the parents of these youths who need to take responsibility for the child's actions and instruct them on how to behave in public and not destroy the good work of others, if you see any kind of bad behaviour please report it to the police on telephone number 01786 822222, they will respond.

The Community Council are also working with the police on a CCTV project for the city centre, hopefully this will come to fruition soon and prevent bad behaviour in our society.

In conclusion.

The Trust AGM is on Saturday the 8<sup>th</sup> of September in the Braeport Centre at 10.30am and is open to all members, the notice for which was attached to this news letter, this is your AGM, please come along and enjoy our presentation, support and vote for the board members and witness the plans for next year and beyond to expand the Trust and improve Dunblane.

If you wish to help and volunteer for various duties or become a board member please contact the writer on the address at the top of the page, you will be made very welcome by all involved.

Kindest regards,

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