

Lochfield Park Housing Association

NEWSLETTER

SUMMER

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Annual General Meeting Lochfield Park Office Thursday 14th September 2023 at 6.30pm All Members Welcome! Members who attend will be entered into FREE prize draws!

Please support Lochfield Park by joining us at this year's event. This will be your opportunity to find out how the Association has performed over the last year and receive a report on our annual accounts. Elections for our Management Committee are also conducted at this meeting. We rely on the good will and participation of our tenants, especially in our 30th Anniversary year. For all those who attend this meeting you will be entered into a free raffle, so make sure you come along and don't miss out!



There will be lots of exciting rides and activities for people of all ages.



Some additional information for the day

All prizes and food items are subject to availability and will be on a first come first served basis. Look out for our ticket booth where staff will give you your free tickets, which will be required at a number of the stalls.

Tenant Panel

Do you have a few hours free to meet a few times a year to look at how certain services can be improved.

A Tenant Panel will help us focus on identifying tenants' needs and how to get the best service and value possible. In addition, the panel would be consulted over new policies and review of existing policies.

Management Committee

Lochfield Park is run by a Management Committee elected annually within the membership. It is the Management Committee who oversees the work of the Housing Association and has responsibility for agreeing all its policies and procedure.

We have vacancies on our Management Committee.

Membership

Anyone over the age of 16 is eligible to apply to become a member of Lochfield Park. Membership costs £1 for life. It allows members to receive our Annual Accounts, attend our Annual General Meeting, stand for election to the Management Committee and vote on membership issues.

If you are interested in any of the above, or would like more information, we would like to hear from you. Please contact the office on 0141 771 2228 or email info@lochfield.co.uk





Lochfield Park Recognised at prestigious Scottish Home Awards 2023

Lochfield Park was recognised as a finalist in two categories at the recent Scottish Home Awards held in Glasgow.

Small Affordable Housing Development of the Year (Abbeycraig Road)

Housing Regeneration Project of the Year (Abbeycraig Road)

These prestigious annual awards recognise excellence in the Scottish Housing Sector, and we were honoured to be chosen as a finalist in the above two categories, especially when the competition was so strong.

Our recently completed Abbeycraig Road development of 84 new build properties has been warmly received by tenants, funders, and now the wider Housing Sector.

This is the largest development in the Association's 30 Year existence and we are proud of the quality and finish of the final product.

It is also pleasing that the new tenants of these properties are happy with their new homes as verified by the results of the recent satisfaction survey, which indicated that 97% of those asked were very satisfied with their new home.

It's reassuring for everyone connected with Lochfield Park Housing Association that in our 30th Anniversary Year we managed to complete our largest New Build Housing Development and be recognised by our peers.

Our thanks to the Design Team led by Curtis Hold from Grant Murray Architects and the contractor, McTaggart Construction for ensuring the project was such a success.



Tenancy Termination Checklist for Outgoing Tenants

A tenant may at any time, end their tenancy by giving 4 weeks written notice to the office.

Before you leave, we ask that you:

- Leave the property in a clean and tidy condition
- Remove all your belongings
- Make sure any lodgers or sub tenants leave with you
- Allow staff access to the property before you move out
- Hand in all keys for the property to the office
- Remove any fixtures and fittings, you have installed without our written permission and put right any damage
- Contact the office to ensure all payments due, are up to date
- Leave the property in good decorative order
- Carry out any repairs you are obliged to complete
- Provide a forwarding address
- Take final meter readings and update your gas and electric provider
- Contact Glasgow City Council to arrange the uplift of any bulky waste items

Be A Responsible Dog Owner

Bag it. Bin it

If you do not pick up your dog's mess Glasgow City Council can issue you with an **on the spot fine of £80.**

If you spot dog fouling, Fly tipping, Litter, Graffiti in the area, Glasgow City Council's Environmental Task Force can help. You can report this:

- by calling them on 0300 343 7027
- visit www.glasgow.gov.uk or download the My Glasgow app
- Twitter: @My Glasgow CC
- Facebook: Glasgow City Council Help





Keeping your building clean & clear keeps you safe

In the event of a fire, any items stored in communal areas could stop you from getting out or prevent the Fire Service from getting in to put out a fire.

This includes:

- X Prams
- X Bikes
- X Furniture
- X Rubbish Bags

Keeping common areas clear of items could save lives. It is important that all potentially hazardous items are not stored in common areas. Please contact the office if you wish to speak with a member of staff.

choice but to re-charge these costs to the tenants concerned.

Garden Competition

Summer will see our tenants getting ready for our Annual Garden Competition.

Prizes are awarded to:

- 🤨 Best Garden
- Best Tenement Garden
- Runner Up
 Most Improved Garden
- Commended Garden

Nominations can be given to any member of staff at the Associations office by calling 0141 771 2228 or emailed to info@lochfield.co.uk



The winners will be announced at our Annual General Meeting in September.

GIANT HOGWEED

What is giant hogweed?

Giant hogweed (Heracleum mantegazzianum) is a weed which is a very invasive plant which is dangerous to humans, but there are ways to stay safe from it if you know what to look out for.

Growing up to five metres tall, its sap contains toxic chemicals which react with light when in contact with human skin, causing blistering

within 48 hours. Effectively it prevents the skin from protecting itself from sunlight, which can lead to very bad sunburn and scarring.

It's got green stem spotted with dark red which varies from 3–8 cm in diameter. Each dark red spot on the stem surrounds a hair, and large, coarse white hairs occur at the base of the leaf stalk.

It produces white flowers clustered in an

umbrella shaped head that is up to 80cm in diameter across its flat top.

Please contact the office if you spot any hogweed.



Welfare Benefits

Lochfield Park Housing Association provides a Welfare Benefits service to assist Tenants with issues relating welfare, Well-being, and Health Benefits. This service is free and confidential. If you have any of the above needs and require assistance or information on what financial assistance may be available.

Returning to School

Clothing Grant payments and school meals will be made automatically for families who are currently in receipt of Council Tax Reduction from Glasgow City Council whose children are already detailed on their claim. You do not need to re-apply.

If you do not receive payment automatically, you can apply online by going to Glasgow City Councils website www.glasgow.gov.uk

New applications may take up to 4 weeks to process, and you must provide all requested information with your application to prevent any delays.

One-off Payments

Glasgow Fuel Support Project is to help parents and carers and who receive council tax reduction with a one-off payment of £49. The application form can be found on the Council web site.

New Scottish Benefits

The Scottish government have now rolled out benefits exclusive to Scotland and other benefits replacing UK benefits. It may be worthwhile checking the list below to see if you already receive or maybe entitled this benefit.

Carers Allowance Supplement is an extra payment paid every 6 months for people who get full or partial Carers Allowance.

Best Start Grant Pregnancy and Baby Payment is a payment for people in receipt of certain means tested benefits.

Funeral Support Payment is money for people in receipt of means tested benefit who are responsible for paying for a funeral.

Scottish Child Payment is a payment of £100 every 4 weeks for each eligible child under the age of 16 years.

Young Carer Grant is a yearly payment of £326 for young carers aged 16, 17 and 18 who care for someone who is in receipt of a disability benefit.

Adult Disability Payment replaced Personal Independence Payment and is for people aged between 16 years and pension age.

If you require assistance with any of the above benefits or any other issue relating to benefits, please contact the office to make an appointment to see our Welfare Benefits Officer Paul. Home visits are available on request

Maintenance

Annual Gas Servicing

Help us keep you & your neighbours safe.

Every year around thirty people in the UK die from carbon monoxide poisoning caused by gas appliances, which have not been serviced. As your landlord we have a legal requirement to have the gas appliances in your home serviced every year. Our contractor, City Building will visit your home to carry out this service.

We appreciate your co-operation in allowing us access to your home and will give 12 weeks' notice.

If you don't allow access to your home, we may need to force access to do the service which is rechargeable.

If your gas safety check is due, please call **0800 595 595** to arrange a suitable time.

Gas Central Heating

if you have a gas central heating breakdown call City Building on **0800 595 595** This is a 24-hour service. You can call them anytime, day or night from a landline for free.

Parking On Pavements

We have been asked to point out to all residents that a lot of people are finding it hard to manoeuvre in the area due to cars / vans parking on pavements.

Can you think about baby buggies, wheelchair users and kids when they are trying to get about.

Parking on the pavement makes it dangerous for people as they often must go out to the road to get by.

Please think about others!

Emergency Repairs Service

When the office is closed the emergency repair service will be in full operation. However, it is strictly an Emergency Service and you must only call upon this service if the repair cannot wait until the office reopens. If we receive invoices for non-emergency work, then we will have no choice but to re-charge these costs to the tenants concerned. We would urge all tenants to use this cover for **EMERGENCIES ONLY** and to use common sense whenever possible.

Blocked Drains

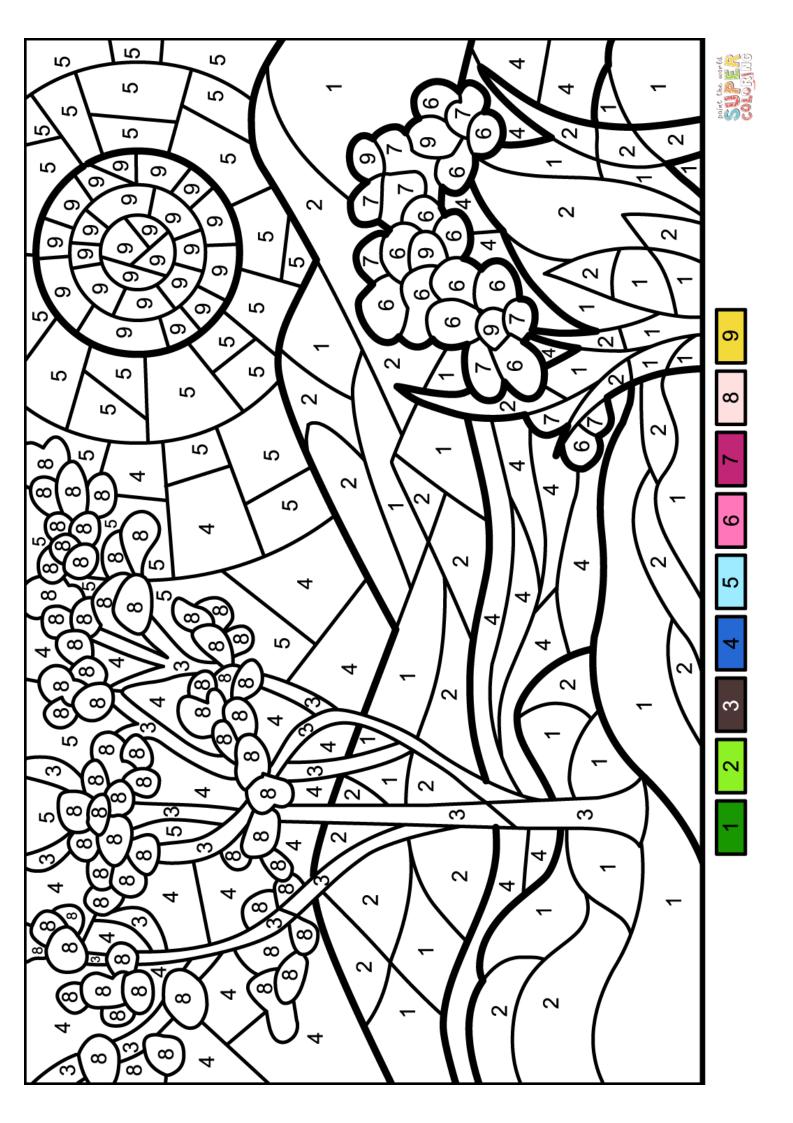
In the last few months, we have had to conduct repairs on drains and pipes due to items being disposed of inappropriately, resulting in drains backing up into neighbouring properties. Please ensure that you dispose of waste appropriately.

Planned Maintenance Programme 2023/24

External Painter work - Phase 7 22-48 Dalilea Drive 1-7 Dalilea Gardens 99a – 105b Lochdochart Road Kitchen Renewals – Phase 4c 1-7 Canonbie Street 121-151 Lochdochrt Road

PLEASE REMEMBER









September

Friday 22 September 2023

Monday 25 September 2023

Jamie's Healthy Turkey Burgers.

Ingredients

- 2 tbsp olive oil
- 1 large onion, finely chopped
- 2 garlic cloves, crushed
- 85g porridge oats
- 450g/1lb minced turkey
- 100g dried apricot, finely chopped
- 1 large carrot, grated
- 1 egg, beaten
- · cucumber slices, to serve

Method

STEP 1

Heat 1 tbsp oil in a pan and gently fry the onion for 5 mins until soft. Add the garlic and cook for 1 min. Add the oats and fry for 2 mins more. Tip into a bowl and set aside to cool.

STEP 2

Add the rest of the ingredients to the cooled mixture and mix well with your hands. Season to taste and shape into 8 patties.

STEP 3

Heat oven to 200C/fan 180C/gas 6. Heat the remaining olive oil in a large, non-stick frying pan and sear the burgers on each side until well coloured (3-4 mins). Transfer to a baking sheet and cook in the oven for 10-15 mins. Serve in rolls with Tangy tomato chutney (see 'goes well with') and cucumber slices.

STEP 4

For the chutney heat 1 tbsp of olive oil in a pan and add 1 finely chopped onion. Cook for 5 mins until softened. Stir in 1 crushed garlic clove and cook for a further min. Add 1 tbsp sundried tomato paste, a 400g can good-quality chopped tomatoes and a pinch of sugar. Gently cook for 20-25 mins until rich and thick. Season to taste, then leave to cool before serving



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In the event of an emergency only, please contact our out of hours contractor City Building on 0800 595 595.

We are always looking for ways to improve services to our tenants, if we have missed anything that you would like to see in your newsletters, do not hesitate

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