



Spring Newsletter



Welcome to our first newsletter of 2009. There's lots going on both in Fauldhouse and within our organisation and we would encourage you to get in touch and let us know what you think.

FAULDHOUSE MUSIC FESTIVAL 3RD-12TH APRIL

Fauldhouse is a talented village, and the Community Development Trust want to celebrate this fact, as well as giving people that aren't musical a chance to try something new. There's plenty to get involved in with events for all age groups and a variety of music styles. You're bound to find something you like! **Look out for flyers or contact us (details on back page) for more information and to book workshops.**



Need help getting cash for your Community Group?

Fauldhouse CDT is lucky enough to have a few Directors who have experience in fundraising. These Directors, along with Rachel (our Development Worker), can help your group fill out application forms and gather the important documents requested by funders.

Not only are there funders about like Awards for All, who have grants of £500-£10,000 for most types of community project, there are other less mainstream funders, and smaller funding programmes like the Community Grants from The Coalfields Regeneration Trust, which funds small items from £50-£500.

Get in touch if you want to know more, or you want help to start up a new community group in Fauldhouse – we can help with planning, resourcing, publicity and funding.

Contact details for Fauldhouse CDT are on the back page of this newsletter.

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Fauldhouse CDT will:

- Work with local organisations
- Promote the positive
- Encourage self-help
- Involve you
- Keep you informed
- Be proactive
- Be transparent
- Win trust and respect

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New Community Police Officer

I am Alistair Byiers and I am delighted to have recently become the Community Officer covering Fauldhouse, Stoneyburn and Longridge.

I started my police career at West Calder before moving to Livingston. After a time in the Public Protection Unit of the CID I returned to uniform duties at Whitburn prior to becoming the Community Officer.

I am looking forward to developing a good working relationship with local people and businesses incorporating schemes like farm watch, neighbourhood watch and the recently introduced Cold Calling zone which targets bogus workmen.

It is going to be my intention to set up surgerys where people can come and see me for advice or raise any issues they may have but in the meantime I would encourage anyone to approach me for a chat if they see me or alternatively I can be contacted at West Calder police station on 01506 871218.

Fauldhouse Forest Schools

Since 2003, the pupils of Falla Hill Primary and St John the Baptist RC Primary in Fauldhouse have made use of the local woodlands for outdoor education. The initial visits led to the creation of a trial "Forest School", involving P6/7 from Falla Hill Primary. This trial that ran from and Sept 2004 to June 2005 proved so successful that St John the Baptist Primary joined the following year.



Pupils from St John the Baptist Primary enjoy the snow in February (above and below)

During school term 2005/2006 the schools attended the Forest School on alternate weeks spending a full day in the woods. They built dens, used tools, and gained knowledge of the plants and animals living on their doorstep.

Forest School continues to operate in the Fauldhouse Woodlands with two P7 classes from St John the Baptist Primary attending on alternate Mondays. They go home muddy, tired and smelling of wood and smoke. But like all of the others who have attended over the years, I hope they gain an appreciation of the outdoors, learn something about themselves and gain some new skills. They certainly make my Mondays more interesting!

I cannot mention Forest School without thanking the numerous individuals who



have helped make the project the success it has been - there have been too many to mention. You all know who you are, if you've been there, you've helped - so thanks for all of your time and effort. Hopefully I'll see you all there someday soon.

Jim Smalls, Forest Ranger

Fauldhouse Field of Hope



As spring progresses, watch out for the daffodils, planted in memory of loved ones, on the entrance road to the Cemetery. Our thanks to all the individuals who contributed to the project, and also to the Central Scotland Forest Trust and West Lothian Council's Neighbourhood Environmental Team for their support.

Employee and Office

We are pleased to announce that the Community Development Trust now has a full time employee. Rachel Sedman started just before Christmas. Her post is funded for an initial 2 years by the Coalfields Regeneration Trust.

We also want to thank West Lothian Council for supporting the Trust by giving us a rent free room in the CIS building on Main Street to help us as we are starting out, until the Trust can secure its own premises.

Rachel says, "I'm happy to see how much the CDT have achieved already, and am looking forward to supporting the Directors and people who live in Fauldhouse in making the village a better place to live, work and play".

Have you visited our website recently?

www.fauldhouse.org.uk

We're gradually developing it. Take a look and let us know what you think, and what other information you want to see up there.

Focus on Local Business

The Development Trust wants to support local businesses as much as possible and help them thrive. Here's two opportunities for starters.



Did you know Fauldhouse has a local **Business Gateway Start-Up Adviser?**

Laura will come and meet with you in Fauldhouse and can provide the following assistance to help you set up your own business:

- Free, professional and confidential advice on a one to one basis
- Advice on benefits, VAT, National Insurance and tax issues
- Guidance and assistance with business plans and financial projections
- Advice on sales, marketing and e-business
- Support before, during and after start up

Please call Laura on 07500 608575 to arrange an informal appointment.

Existing businesses can also benefit from Business Gateway's support. Call us on 01506 777400 to arrange a free Business Health Check, and make sure your business is as strong as it can be.

FAULDHOUSE BUSINESS DIRECTORY

Do you run a local business? The Development Trust wants to hear from you. We are starting to compile a Fauldhouse Business Directory. Post or email us (*details on back page*) with your business details and a short description of your services. Some entries are up on our website already:
www.fauldhouse.org.uk

Also contact us if you have other ideas of how we can support you and your business.



The coalfields
regeneration trust



**Help Spring Clean
Fauldhouse on
Thursday 30th April**

Every April *Keep Scotland Beautiful* run a *National Spring Clean* Campaign. Last year 20,000 volunteers took part throughout Scotland and picked their communities clean of litter.

In 2009, Fauldhouse CDT are coordinating an event and inviting people to take part and show some pride in their local area.

We are working with the Forestry Commission, West Lothian Council and the Fauldhouse schools. Why not join in too?

Contact us if you want to get involved.



Dates for your Diary 2009

Contact us for more details on any of the events below, visit our website (www.fauldhouse.org.uk) or look out for flyers and local advertising

3 rd - 12 th April	Fauldhouse Music Festival - various events
Thurs 30 th April	Keep Scotland Beautiful 'National Spring Clean' Event in Fauldhouse – more details coming soon
Sun 3 rd May	Charity Concert in aid of SOBS (Survivors of Bereavement by Suicide), 3-7pm, Miner's Welfare.
Fri 22 nd May	Fauldhouse Has Talent – Part Two, 7pm, Miner's Welfare Club. Tickets (£3) on sale soon. <i>Sponsored by Fauldhouse CDT, in aid of Gala Day 2009.</i>
Sat 5 th Sept	Fauldhouse Street Fair

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NEW Health Walks starting in Fauldhouse!

Did you know walking can prevent diseases including coronary heart, stroke and diabetes? It also helps weight management and good sleep.

Join our new walking group and get out with the safety and company of others.

Walks will be 30 to 45 minutes and are designed for those who are currently not very active. After the walks we will have a cup of tea and chat. *Contact Fauldhouse CDT for a walk programme (details in lefthand column).*

Strictly Tea Dancing

At Fauldhouse Miner's Welfare

Meet with friends old and new while keeping active. Live Music and Tea/Coffee and biscuit provided.
£2.50 per person.

Everyone Welcome.

Mon 20th April ~ 1.30 to 4pm

Mon 25th May ~ 1.30 to 4pm

Mon 15th June ~ 1.30 to 4pm

Contact Avril Kerr for more details:
07768 090008



Support positive action in Fauldhouse Join the Community Development Trust

Membership of the Community Development Trust costs £1. For that you can show your commitment to helping us deliver positive, sustainable improvements to our village. Whether your commitment extends to being simply a paid up supporter of the organisation or you want to get more involved in our activities, your membership is very important to us. Please complete the form and join up today.

I wish to join the Fauldhouse Community Development Trust and enclose my £1 membership fee.

Name:	Phone No:
Address:	Email:
Postcode:	Would you be interested in being active as a volunteer in CDT? YES / NO

PLEASE RETURN THIS FORM TO: Fauldhouse CDT, c/o CIS, 10 Main Street, Fauldhouse EH47 9HX

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