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Youth Pathway Project

Fauldhouse and Breich Valley Community Development Trust are developing a new Youth Pathway Project, tying all our current and future children and young peoples projects together.

We are excited to tell you about this new and innovative Young Peoples Project. The project will offer a wide range of opportunities, resources and services for young people locally, in The Hub or at Eastfield Development Centre. This will include training, skills development and access to employment opportunities. For example, with partner support, we can offer training in hospitality, cookery, life skills. We will offer mental health and wellbeing support and advice. Through our links to the advice services here at The Hub we can also offer support on issues such as housing and benefits, having a tenancy and paying bills.

We are currently bringing together and have consulted with a wide range of partners, with the aim of setting up a working group. Partners who provide services and resources for young people and the wider communities, such as, schools, colleges,

the West Lothian Climate Action Network, Youth Action Project, The Larder, Social Services, Range Health Care Professionals, WLC, primary and secondary schools and many others, have all been consulted and support the project.

F&BV CDT secured funding from The Big Lottery and Baird Watson to employ a Youth Leader, someone with the skills, knowledge and experience of working with young people within the target age groups. They will, with the team's and partner support, engage with young people and ensure they are included in the design and implementation of the project, and recruit, train, induct volunteers.

We want the Trust to be seen as a 'destination' for young people. A place where they can come along at any time, where we offer a range of services and resources. Including mental health and wellbeing support, advice and advocacy, practical life skills, and access to further education, training, skills development and improve their employment opportunities.

If you would like to know more about the Youth Pathway Project, please contact julie.smith@fauldhouse.org.uk or tel on 01501 773 699.

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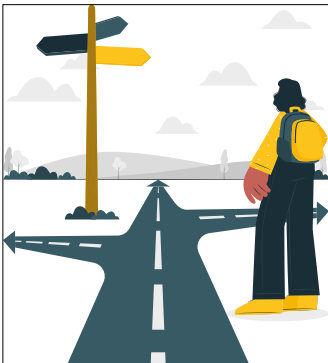
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Since our last newsletter...

Summer of Fun 2024

F&BV CDT's free Summer of Fun programme had 514 local children attending over four weeks at Eastfield Development Centre.

The young people participated in a mix of football, taekwondo, pottery, beauty, rugby, crafts, dance, lego, fitness and more, with kids putting on shows for the parents at the end of the programme. There was something for everyone! One of the young people said that it was, *"the best summer I have ever had!"* High praise indeed!

Sessions were held late morning and early afternoon and including a break for lunch, which was provided. Activities were held both inside and out, depending on the weather.

On the last day we put on Fun Day and a very generous member of the community paid for a bouncy castle for the event. Thank you!



Our September Annual Fair Day

For the first time in many years, the September Annual Fair Day was a wee bit dreich!

We didn't let a bit of dampness stop us having a great time though. We had refreshments, stalls, characters, face painting and a magician, a circus workshop, a tombola, live music, a Fire Appliance, games, inflatables and a mining display (to mark the 40th anniversary of the end of the Miners Strikes).

We had visitors from Addiewell and Loganlea. Everyone who came along had a great time, despite the weather.



Photo: Albert Mancini

Halloween Fun



Photos: Sally Lamont & Alex Blackley

The Trust held Halloween parties for both pre-school children and P1-P7. Everyone had a really spooooky time!

On Halloween itself, we also held a 'Guising Drop-in' at EDC.

As you can see, the young people made such an effort and their costumes were just brilliant!

Thank you!

Fauldhouse and Breich Valley CDT's Christmas 2024 at a glance

The local community kindly donated

- 946 Items for the Christmas Hamper Appeal
- £120 towards Brannan Butcher Vouchers

F&BV CDT were able to deliver

- 158 hampers in total
- 250 toys plus (donated from F&BV CDT Manager's family member)
- 158 Brannan Vouchers in the hampers

F&BV CDT held

- a Children's Christmas Party to which over 50 young people came along
- a Volunteer Party, where we provided a three course meal and refreshments
- a Seniors Party, where 50 older people attended, including some of the residents of Crofthead Care Home with their Carers

Our Christmas activities

F&BV CDT Annual Christmas Hamper and Toy Appeal

F&BV CDT held their Annual Appeal again in 2024. In Fauldhouse and the Breich Valley, we supported

- 158 families, individuals, pensioners
- 219 children

They were referred by

- Social Care - 45%
- Schools - 32%
- Community Person - 10%
- Referred themselves - 7%
- Employees - 6%

The reasons people were referred included

- Poor health
- Struggling with the increase of cost of living
- Single parent
- Mental Health struggles
- Kindship Carer
- Carer
- Elderly
- Fled Domestic Abuse
- Homeless



Photos: Julie Smith & Karen Jamieson

All the hundreds of brand new toys were collected by F&BV CDT Manager, Julie Smith's daughter-in-law, Natalie Hazlett through an annual appeal to friends, family and social media. She has been kindly doing this amazing collection for six years, so a huge thank you to her. Fantastic work Natalie!

Thanks also go to the members of community for their amazing generosity. When we appealed for various contents for the hampers, we were amazed how many food items were dropped into The Hub and EDC.

The toys and hampers were sorted, packed and delivered by staff, supported by a fantastic team of volunteers. These volunteers included members of



staff from Levensat Aggregate and Social Security Scotland in addition to a team of volunteer members of the community.

A huge thank you for all your help. We really couldn't do it without your support!



Kid's Christmas Party and Seniors Afternoon Tea

F&BV CDT provided festive cheer for the younger and older generations in Fauldhouse at Christmas.

We held a parties in Eastfield Development Centre for 1-12 year old children. All the kids had great fun visiting Santa in his grotto, after having a wee snack and playing some party games!

The Seniors Afternoon Tea was attended by seniors from Fauldhouse, joined by residents of Crofthead Care Home, who also brought entertainment with them! Everyone had a lovely afternoon tea, with singing and dancing. Many of those who attended hadn't seen each other for years, so they had a good catch-up!

It was such a great atmosphere!



We're just so proud of our growing programme of activities at Eastfield Development Centre!

We are so proud of how fast the programme at Eastfield Development Centre has grown over the past few months. It's a testament to how hard the F&BV CDT team and volunteers have worked. The feedback from the community has been so positive, and encouraging. There is more planned for EDC.

Little Chefs cook up a storm

In October last year, F&BV CDT started a cooking project for children at Eastfield Development Centre called the 'Little Chefs' delivered by Food Project Worker, Alex with a volunteers support.

One of the classes is for ages P3-P4 and another is for P5-P7. The class teaches the budding chefs about food hygiene, personal hygiene, how to follow a recipe, measure ingredients, prepare fruit and vegetables, use a hob and/or an oven to cook their ingredients. They definitely don't need to be shown how to eat what they've cooked though!

Little did we know the Little Chefs groups would take off as they did. We were delighted that both classes have been hugely popular and they have been completely full since it started, averaging 100 children attending per month.

One grandparent comment after one of the sessions, "Amazing work you do for the kids!"

The youngsters are so obviously enjoying themselves. They don't even need to be asked to wash their hands now, it's the first thing they do when they arrive for the class! The children just love the cooking sessions and hope that many are future chefs in the making!

This year the young people have cooked a variety of things including pizza, pancakes and baked banana bread. Scones have been on the menu, wraps, nachos, meatballs.

Every week the best chefs are given a 'Little Chef of the Week' certificate for just being brilliant.

For more info contact alex.blackley@fauldhouse.org.uk or tel: 01501 229 645



Little Learners

We were very excited to start the pre school 'Little Learners' and were joined on the launch day by Caterpillar Music West Lothian for music, movement and activities.

The first session was hugely successful with parents and carers bringing 12 pre school children along in the first week. 21 children and 17 adults came on week two so we hope it's onwards and upwards!



The room was zoned with areas for children's dressing up, cooking, building, sensory activities and more. Children can explore what they find fun and really interests them. Caterpillar Music West Lothian will also be back every so often for more of their musical sessions. Plans are for different weekly activities.

There is a break when the Little Learners sit down for a wee break, a drink and a healthy snack

One of the Mum's said, "It's a great place for the weans, they love it!..." We are so delighted to hear that!

The Little Learners are on Wednesdays from 10am-11.30am in Eastfield Development Centre. Sessions are £2/per child.



Photos: Sally Lamont & Alex Blackley

Fun Football kicks off...

'Fun Football' also started at the end of 2024 at Eastfield Development Centre and is becoming increasingly popular month on month.

Currently this year we have had 56 children attending the free, four nights of fun football per week (both P1-P2 and 3-5 year olds) run by David Allan, F&BV CDT's Facilities and Activities Worker and local volunteers.

There are upcoming meetings regarding setting up a Committee and becoming a constituted group with a view to become SFA accredited.

If you would like more info or to volunteer, please contact david.allan@fauldhouse.org.uk

Photos: Alex Blackley



Students do their Barista training at The Hub

You may be familiar with the 'Coffee and Chat' F&BV CDT hold in The Hub on Thursday mornings. You may even have been passing and popped in for a hot drink and a wee cake. If you aren't aware of this Thursday morning project, it is a partnership between Burnhouse School/The Skills Centre and Fauldhouse and Breich Valley Community Development Trust.

Since starting this service in March last year, the young people have served over 685 customers. Amazing stuff, we're sure you'll agree that the students should be very proud of themselves!

Pupils attend The Hub on Thursday mornings with their teachers to learn all about the Barista machine and how to make a variety of delicious coffees, tea, hot chocolates, smoothies and milkshakes.



Hard at work! Emma is one of the current Barista students in training

This training gives the young people an SCQF Level 5 in Barista Skills, boosts confidence and is also great practise for their customer service skills.

At these training sessions, we offer the drinks for free, but ask for a donation, if possible, to enable us

to purchase the coffee beans and everything that goes into preparing the Barista coffees and other drinks.

We have regular customers who come in a Thursday morning and one of them said,

"I really enjoy a latte or two in The Hub and having a chat with the kids and the staff.

They are such a lovely bunch of guys. Looking forward to my next visit".

You can just come in for a chat and a cuppa, meet up with friends or you can join the occasional fun quiz we organise. We also have games and books available if you fancy.

Everyone is welcome along!

Photos: Lesley Dunsmore



Did you know that the Fauldhouse and Breich Valley Community Development Trust is a charity funded by funds and grants raised entirely by F&BV CDT's Manager, Julie Smith?

Plans for a community garden and orchard

F&BV CDT have plans to create a small community garden area at the back of Eastfield Development Centre.

Currently we are at the early clean up stage of the project as there is groundwork to be covered before we can get on with anything else. Initially we will be doing things such as making the area safe, removing weeds, painting the wooden planter and furniture before we can start any gardening. Thanks go to Levenseat Quarry, Aggregates Scotland who are kindly supporting us with a donation of compost.

We have also have 20 young trees being heeled-in temporarily in the large planter until we are able to plant them into the ground. We have ten apple trees, five cherry and five plum trees, all provided by West Lothian Climate Action Network. WLCAN are going to be providing training, advice and support on how to care for these trees properly. Eventually, we should have a lovely community orchard out the back of EDC!



Photo: Sally Lamont

Young people to get involved

Fauldhouse Community Youth Team, The Larder and the Youth Action Project have a team of young people who are keen to help us with these early stages of the garden project.

They will be working at EDC on Thursday afternoons and we'll keep you updated on the progress on our Facebook page @FauldhouseCDT

Garden volunteers needed!

F&BV CDT are looking for volunteers who have an interest in gardening and would be willing to help out at Eastfield Development Centre.

We are also looking for green-fingered help at the front of the building where we require a bit maintenance and a little love and attention. No grass cutting is required as this is done by West Lothian Council.

Contact Facilities and Activities Worker, Sally. Email: sally.lamont@fauldhouse.org.uk or call 01501 229 645



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Groups and activities at The Hub and EDC



Mondays

<p>The Hub Art Group £2 donation (refreshments) 1pm-3pm</p>	<p>The Hub Community Connections Advice and support Fortnightly 10am-12pm</p>	<p>The Hub CAB West Lothian Weekly advice 9.30am-4pm</p>	<p>EDC Little Chefs P5-P7 £2/session 4pm-5.15pm</p>	<p>The Hub Fauldhouse Footers Leave from The Hub for a weekly health walk 10am</p>	<p>EDC Men's Circuit Training £2/session 7pm-8pm</p>
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For more information about any of the above activities or groups, please contact The Hub, 10 Main Street, Fauldhouse, EH47 9LE, tel: 01501 773 699, email: info@fauldhouse.org.uk or EDC, 2 Eastfield Road, Fauldhouse, EH47 9LE, tel: 01501 229 645, email: eastfield@fauldhouse.org.uk

Both buildings available for rental at weekends. Contact us for details.

The Eastfield Community Food Project

The Eastfield Community Shop is here to support you

Photos: Alex Blackley



Is the cost of living tough at the moment?

Pop up to the 'Eastfield Community Shop' in Eastfield Development Centre, 2 Eastfield Road, Fauldhouse, EH47 9LE. The shop is open on Tuesdays from 1pm-3pm and Fridays from 9am-12.30pm.

Please don't struggle. Come along and see what's in the Community Shop. You don't need to be unemployed. Families, individuals, older persons, or people who are working are welcome. We are here to support you if you are finding the cost of living is affecting you. 72 people have already visited this year, so you are not alone.

In the Eastfield Community Shop you can find very reasonably priced milk, bread, ambient items, frozen meat, fruit, veg, toiletries and more, in addition to a Community Book Swap Shop.

Membership of the shop is £1/week, which allows you to buy goods from the shop and also entitles you to free Greggs, baked goods and Warburtons bread on a Friday morning (subject to availability).

Contact EDC for further details and emergency food enquiries. Email alex.blackley@fauldhouse.org.uk or call 01501 229 645/773 699



Cook Along!

As part of the EDC Food Project, F&BV CDT hold a 'Cook Along' on Tuesday mornings from 11am-12.30pm at Eastfield Development Centre.

These sessions have been so well attended and everyone who goes along has really enjoyed themselves. Whether it's been scones, fish cakes, nachos or soups, there's been something for everyone. All recipes are budget friendly and each week's ingredients are available from the community shop if you wish.

Why not come along, see how it's done, have a taste, then take a recipe home and try it out yourself?

One of our regular visitors, Kenny said,

'What a great day at EDC. The cooking class was amazing and the fish cakes were yummy... Well done Alex! I like attending the group, the people that come along are really nice and friendly to talk to...'

For more info, email Food Project Worker, Alex at alex.blackley@fauldhouse.org.uk or call 01501 229 645/773 699



Photos: Alex Blackley

'Bring in a tin'!



F&BV CDT are asking if you use Eastfield Development Centre, for example, if you attend a class, could you possibly 'Bring in a tin' every week to donate to the Eastfield Community Shop?

As you can imagine it is expensive to keep the shop topped up all the time, and with limited funds, a tin donation from would be so helpful!

For more info, email Alex at alex.blackley@fauldhouse.org.uk or call 01501 229 645/773 699



Advice and support available locally

Community Connections and the Advice Shop at The Hub



On alternate Tuesday mornings from 10am-12pm at The Hub, Fauldhouse, are The Advice Shop and Community Connections.

The Advice Shop can provide advice on benefits, money and debt, housing, repairs and energy advice. Community Connections advise on health, wellbeing and social issues.

To book an appointment with either The Advice Shop or Community Connections, please contact 01501 773 699.

Citizens Advice Bureau (CAB) at The Hub

CAB is at The Hub by appointment on Wednesdays from 9.30am-2pm.

The CAB advisor can advise and support with form filling and queries such as:

- Benefits
- Consumer issues
- Employment and Work
- Family and Relationships
- Financial (arrears advice, budgeting)
- Health (including support in St John's Hospital for in and outpatients),
- Housing and Council Tax
- Immigration (signpost to groups that can help)
- Legal (not Legal Advice, but advice on where to find a Solicitor and services that may be offered)
- Utilities and Communications (energy, broadband)



Changes coming

There will be a number of benefits changing from the Department of Work and Pensions to Social Security Scotland.

- Disability Living Allowance will change to Scottish Disability Living Allowance in March
- Attendance Allowance will change to Pension Age Disability Payment on 25 April
- The Universal Credit Migration is ongoing
- Carers Allowance which will change to Carers Support Payment

These benefits should automatically change over from one department to another and you should receive letters telling you this will happen.

If you need advice regarding any of the above, please contact The Hub to make an appointment with the CAB advisor.

Changes to the Radio Teleswitching Service

If your home relies on the Radio Teleswitching Service (RTS) for heating and hot water, you'll need to upgrade your meter to keep everything running smoothly.

The RTS signal is due to be switched off on 30 June 2025, which means some meters and heating systems could stop working in the way that they should.

The RTS uses a radio signal to tell some electricity meters when to switch between peak and off-peak rates, sometimes called 'day' or 'domestic' and 'night' or 'control'.

It was designed for homes that use electricity for their heating and hot water, for example if you have:

- electric storage heaters
- panel heaters or
- immersion heaters in a water tank.

If you have a RTS meter, your energy supplier usually offers an off peak tariff that lets you pay a different price for the electricity you use for your heating and hot water than you do for the rest of your electricity.

The technology is being switched off. Your energy supplier should get in touch to offer you a smart meter before the RTS switch-off on Monday 30 June 2025. If your meter isn't replaced, your heating could end up always on, never on, or turning on and off at unsuitable times for you.

Contact your supplier if you haven't been offered an appointment as yet. For more information see www.homeenergyscotland.org/RTS-switch-off

Source: Home Energy Scotland

Did you know you could do a benefits check yourself using a benefits calculator? For example:

- www.gov.uk/benefits-calculators
- benefits-calculator.turn2us.org.uk
- www.entitledto.co.uk/



Stoneyburn and Bents Future Vision Group update

a community development trust

Green Fingers

As part of our ongoing collaboration with local schools, we provided planters, soil and gardening equipment to both primary schools and the nursery. Our volunteer, Sandy, has been instrumental in securing new birdhouses, and we were also able to deliver bug hotels and bug-hunting equipment – a fantastic addition to encourage outdoor learning. We eagerly anticipate our next delivery, based on the children’s requests.

Photos: Courtesy of SBFVG



Additionally, we are delighted to have installed two new benches in Fulshie Park, including a solar-powered bench that allows users to charge their devices while enjoying the park’s facilities, as well as the all-weather table tennis table. We will soon be engaging with the community to gather feedback and suggestions for further park improvements.

Annual Fulshie Fun Run

Our Annual Fulshie Fun Run is scheduled for Sunday 11 May 2025. For further details and registration, please visit:

www.sbfvg.com/event-details-registration/annual-fulshie-fun-run-2025.

We extend our gratitude to all volunteers and community members who continue to support our initiatives.

Your involvement makes a meaningful difference in enhancing our village and strengthening community spirit.

Festive Season

We had another exceptionally busy and successful festive season, beginning with our Annual Santa Parade. Once again, the Grinch and our friendly Snowman joined in the festivities, delighting the community. Our trip to Peter Pan was a great success, bringing joy to all who attended. Watch this space for this year’s offering.



We also hosted a festive afternoon tea for both our Young at Heart group and Care for Carers group, ensuring a warm and cheerful celebration. Our dedicated team of elves worked tirelessly to deliver over 100 Christmas gifts, ensuring that everyone had a special present under their tree this year.

Additionally, we continued our tradition of providing breakfast packs over the festive period - this year, we even included carrots for Rudolph and cookies for Santa! Our larder was well attended and offered a fantastic selection of items, both on Christmas Eve and Hogmanay.

For more information on the larder service please contact Laura or Jackie.

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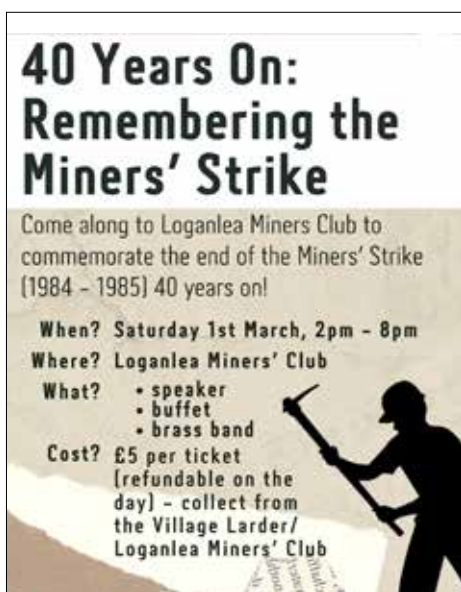
The Hub, Unit 3a, Stoneyburn Workshops, 4 Main Street, Stoneyburn, EH47 8BA

Updates and news from Addiewell and Loganlea Community Group

Miners Event

Addiewell and Loganlea Community Group recently held a Miners Event on Saturday 1 March from 2pm-8pm at the Loganlea Miners Club.

We remembered the end of the strike and there was a speaker, lovely food laid on and a brass band for entertainment.



Thank you to everyone who attended the event.

Thanks to Eric Davidson, the excellent and very amusing guest speaker. Thanks also go to The Shotts and St Patrick's Brass Band who kept everyone entertained for the afternoon and evening.

Village Larder schools partnership

The combined local schools, Addiewell Primary School and St Thomas Primary School are working in partnership with The Village Larder on a food course, 'Maths Bites: Cooking up Fun with Numbers'.

It started on Friday 28 February and each week for six weeks, a recipe card and ingredients are to be supplied to cook a delicious meal (adult support required) and a few maths questions asked.

On completion of their six cooking challenges a food voucher is awarded!

Cook, count and create!



Photo: Courtesy of Avril Findlayson

A huge thanks

The Addiewell and Loganlea Community Council treated the local seniors to a night out in January.

There was a lovely buffet laid on at Loganlea Miners Club, then a coach took everyone along to the Howden Park Centre, where all thoroughly enjoyed the toe-tapping 'Legends of American Country' show.

It was a great trip out for many of the older members in the local community!

Shout-out to Longridge and Breich

We would be absolutely delighted to hear from any residents in Longridge or Breich if there have been news or events from your village that you would like the wider Fauldhouse and the Breich Valley to know all about. This newsletter is delivered to all the Breich Valley villages.

Please contact Lesley at The Hub with details. Please email: lesley.dunsmore@fauldhouse.org.uk, tel: 01501 773 699/07434 607 860 or drop in to Fauldhouse and Breich Valley Community Development Trust, The Hub, 10 Main Street, Fauldhouse, EH47 9HX.

The Hub is open Monday-Thursday 9am-4pm and Friday 9am-3pm.

Falla Hill site

Would you be interested in seeing the land at the side of Falla Hill Primary School, which is lying overgrown and derelict, cleaned up and brought into community use?

F&BV CDT are keen to know what the community think.

So we have compiled a very short online questionnaire. Just scan the QR code below. It will only take a few minutes of your time to complete.



Don't worry if you are not technically minded, we have also produced a paper version.

You can complete this at either The Hub, 10 Main Street or at Eastfield Development Centre, 2 Eastfield Road, Fauldhouse.

Space available

Would you like to hire a hall or meeting space in EDC or rent an office in The Hub?

Maybe you're having a kids birthday party, a communion or you need space for a meeting.



This is Eastfield Development Centre's main hall set up for a Christmas event

If you are interested in any of the spaces in either building, please contact us.

Pop into The Hub, call 01501 773 699 or email info@fauldhouse.org.uk for more info and to book.

Adult Learning at The Hub

Do you want to improve your skills and confidence in numeracy to get back into work or education?

Join a numeracy group to improve your numeracy skills for free (for 16+)

Obtain SQA qualifications if you want to

At Fauldhouse Community Hub

Every Tuesday from 10am - 12pm

Scan the QR code for more information, contact Gil 07785 442657, or contact the Adult Learning Team adultlearning@westlothian.gov.uk 0800 731 1831.



UNLOCK YOUR POTENTIAL

SKILLS FOR LIFE MULTIPLY

West Lothian Council

Are you 16+? Every Tuesday morning from 10am-12pm at The Hub, Fauldhouse, the Numeracy Class offers a welcoming and supportive environment for anyone looking to boost their math skills.

Whether you're learning for the first time or brushing up, this class helps to build confidence with numbers, providing a strong foundation that can benefit you in everyday life. From managing personal finances and budgeting to enhancing career prospects, strong numeracy skills are essential in today's world.

Join us to unlock new opportunities and gain a sense of accomplishment as you improve your abilities in a fun, relaxed setting.

Interested?

Contact Gil on 07785 442 657

Please let us know!

We would like to hear from you if you have any thoughts and ideas of projects or events you would like to see at The Hub or Eastfield Development Centre.

Call 01501 773 699 or email info@fauldhouse.org.uk

Central Scotland Wildlife Group

Central Scotland Wildlife Group (CSWG) members recently assisted SSPCA staff to release and monitor a group of nine hedgehogs near Fauldhouse, West Lothian.



The hedgehogs were rescued by SSPCA staff in 2024 and rehabilitated at their Fishcross Animal Rescue Centre prior to release. CSWG members worked with Forestry and Land Scotland staff to create habitat piles to provide temporary shelter for the animals.

Group members provided supplementary food for the hedgehogs whilst they settled in to their new habitat and erected camera traps nearby to monitor the animals as they dispersed. The hedgehogs appear to be settling in to their new home and doing well!



Would like to know more? Interested in joining CSWG?

Tel: 07728 769 041

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F&BV CDT Programme of Events 2025

What	Where	When
Easter Family Event	EDC*	Saturday 12 April
Psychic Event	EDC	Date TBC
Summer Programme	EDC	Monday 7 - Thursday 10 July Monday 14 - Thursday 17 July Monday 21 - Thursday 24 July Monday 28 - Thursday 31 July
F&BV CDT's Annual Fair Day	EDC	Saturday 6 September
Young Entrepreneurs Fair	EDC	Saturday 4 October
Free Kids Pack Lunches	EDC and The Hub	Monday 20 - Friday 24 October
Halloween Parties	EDC	Saturday 25 October
Halloween Drop-in	EDC	Friday 31 October
Christmas Card Competition Launch Deadline	EDC and The Hub	Monday 3 November Thursday 20 November
Christmas Fair	EDC	Saturday 29 November
Christmas Hamper and Toy Appeal delivery	EDC	Monday 8 December
60+ Christmas Lunch	EDC	Wednesday 10 December
Christmas Community Lunch	EDC	Friday 19 December
Kids Christmas Pantomime	EDC	Monday 22 December

*Eastfield Development Centre (EDC)

For more information about any of the above Fauldhouse and Breich Valley Community Development Trust events, please contact:

The Hub, 10 Main Street, Fauldhouse, EH47 9HX, tel: 01501 773 699,
email: info@fauldhouse.org.uk

or EDC, 2 Eastfield Road, Fauldhouse, EH47 9LE, tel: 01501 229 645,
email: eastfield@fauldhouse.org.uk

Cycling Without Age Fauldhouse

Book a trishaw ride... It's fun and it's FREE!

Hopefully the better weather isn't too far away and the Fauldhouse trishaw can come back out of hibernation.

The F&BV CDT trishaw has recently had its annual service and trishaw pilot (cyclist) Jim has taken it out for a wee spin already in readiness for a busy Spring and Summer.



If you have an older relative, friend or neighbour or someone with mobility issues, who maybe doesn't get out as often as they might like? Maybe they feel a bit isolated? Need cheering up? Why not book a trishaw ride for them?

A ride on the Trishaw certainly makes everyone smile, whether you are a passenger or whether you see it passing by and give the passengers a wave! Jim's brilliant chat also gives everyone a giggle...

Interested? Contact The Hub for details and to book.

Tel: 01501 773 699

or email: info@fauldhouse.org.uk

Why not volunteer to be a Trishaw Pilot?

You may have seen Fauldhouse local, Jim Hendry, out and about last year, around the village on the trishaw. He took out the majority of an amazing 140 passengers last year.



We do have other trained trishaw pilots, but many work full time and have limited availability.

Let's take the pressure off Jim a little! If you have free time why not volunteer? The trishaw is electric to help you along the way. We arrange a PVG for you. Pilot Trainer Jim, will take you through your training.

We'd love to hear from you.

Support your local charity by joining Fauldhouse and Breich Valley Community Development Trust!

Membership of the Fauldhouse and Breich Valley Community Development Trust can show your commitment to helping F&BV CDT deliver positive, sustainable improvements to your villages.

Whether your commitment extends to being simply a supporter of the charity or you want to get more involved in our events and activities, your membership is very important to us. Please complete the form below and join today for **FREE**.

I wish to join the Fauldhouse and Breich Valley Community Development Trust.

Name:

Address:

Postcode:

Tel:

Email:

Would you be interested in becoming a volunteer with F&BV CDT? Yes/No
Would you be happy for us to contact you about any up and coming events? Yes/No

How would you prefer we contacted you (please tick)?

Phone

Text

email

Post

Please return your details to

F&BV CDT, The Hub, 10 Main Street, Fauldhouse, EH47 9HX

All the data we hold is gathered and managed in strict accordance with Data Protection Regulation 2018. Your personal data will be treated as strictly confidential, and will be shared only with other organisations to comply with a legitimate interest or a legal obligation to OSCR or funders. You can update or have your data removed from our records at any time by sending an e-mail to info@fauldhouse.org.uk



Useful telephone numbers

Support and advice

Advice Shop Bathgate

Advice Service
tel: 01506 283 000

The Bridge Community Project

Financial wellbeing, counselling and bereavement support
tel: 01506 238 980

Carers of West Lothian

Information, advice and support for all unpaid carers and people with disabilities
tel: 01506 448 000

Citizens Advice Bureau West Lothian

Support and advice on a number of different topics
tel: 01506 432 977 or
01506 431 061 (appts)

Dignity Boxes

Donation boxes in the form of toiletries in a variety of communities, small business and larger companies

Eastfield Development Centre and The Hub

F&BV CDT community buildings providing anti poverty support, food project, information, advice and signposting.
tel: 01501 229 645

The Food Train

Providing vital services to those who are no longer able to manage independently, through age, ill health, frailty or disability
tel: 01506 413 013

Home Aid West Lothian

Recycle used furniture and to support members of the West Lothian community who face social and economic exclusion
tel: 01506 652 230

HcL Transport

Supported door-through-door transport.
Dial-A-Ride for any destination
tel: 01506 633 953
Dial-A-Bus – scheduled trips to Livingston Shops
tel: 01506 633 336

Home Start West Lothian

Offers support, friendship and practical help to parents with young children, in communities throughout West Lothian
tel: 01506 415 755

Kidzeco Kidz Start

Community project with the mission of helping new parents within the community
tel: 01506 815 534/01506 238 283

Men Matters, Ace Awareness and mental health support

To raise awareness of ACEs and to raise money for more councillors
tel: 07938 159 593

Neil's Hugs Foundation

Help, understand and give support to families and friends affected by suicide
tel: 07446 717 501

West Lothian Financial Inclusion Network

Aims to ensure that all West Lothian residents are aware of their financial choices and promotes access to financial advice, financial products and other services, particularly for the most excluded social groups
tel: 01501 771 775

West Lothian Foodbank

Provide three days' nutritionally balanced emergency food, fuel vouchers (referred by the Advice Shop) and support to local people who are referred in crisis.
tel: 01501 229 307

Development Trusts

Fauldhouse and Breich Valley Community Development Trust
tel: 01501 773 699/07599 442 822

Addiewell and Loganlea Community Group
facebook @AddiewellandLoganlea
CommunityGroup

Kirknewton Community Development Trust
tel: 01506 883 988

Polbeth Community Hub
tel: 01506 536 123/0800 048 7481

Stoneyburn and Bents Future Vision Group SCIO
email: laura.sbfvg@gmail.com

WAT IF (Woolfords, Auchengray and Tarbrax Improvement Foundation)

tel: 01501 785 194

West Calder and Harburn Community Development Trust
tel: 01506 872 931

Winchburgh Community Development Trust
tel: 07733 446 717

Whitburn and District Community Development Trust
tel: 01501 748 708

The Development Trusts Association Scotland
tel: 0131 220 2456

Credit Unions

Blackburn, Seafeld and District Credit Union

Anyone who lives or works in the towns and villages to the west of Livingston including Harthill and Eastfield in North Lanarkshire, can join the Credit Union.
tel: 01506 650 198

West Lothian Credit Union

A financial co-operative offers its services to anyone who lives or works in West Lothian.
tel: 01506 436 666

Local Councillors

Councillor Pauline Clark
tel: 01506 281 741/01506 281 763

Councillor Craig Meek
email: craig.meek@westlothian.gov.uk

Councillor Cathy Muldoon
tel: 01506 281 759

West Lothian Council

West Lothian Council
tel: 01506 280 000

Fauldhouse Partnership Centre
tel: 01501 773 000

Breich Valley Housing Office (West Calder)
tel: 01506 283 550

Scottish Government

The Scottish Government
tel: 03002 444 000



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