

Community News Sheet

Update on community issues

November 2018

Welcome

Welcome to the November edition of Stirling Council's Community News Sheet. We have included a variety of information which we hope you will find useful. If you have any questions or would like to know more, please don't hesitate to contact us: communityengagement@stirling.gov.uk. We can include information about community activities and topics, please feel free to email us any contributions.

Stirling's Digital Future is Happening Now

Stirling is set to become a leader in digital transformation following news that it has been selected as one of the first communities in the UK to benefit from Gigabit-capable full fibre broadband under the new Vodafone and CityFibre Fibre-to-the-Premises (FTTP) programme.

Having enjoyed Gigabit City status since 2017, Stirling already boasts a 24km gold standard full fibre infrastructure which brings next-generation connectivity within reach of local businesses and public sector sites. This latest project will see a further £10 million private investment from CityFibre in extending this network city-wide to reach nearly every home and business across Stirling and Bridge of Allan.

With construction work beginning in Cambusbarron on 19 November, Stirling will soon become one of the world's best digitally connected cities.

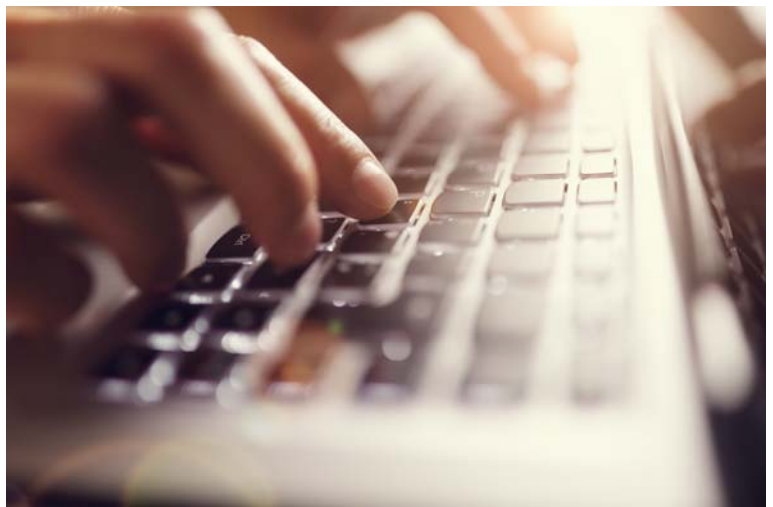
CityFibre is working closely with local community groups including community police, to ensure that residents have as much notice of works, and information on the project as they need.

PMK Civil Engineering is delivering the construction programme on CityFibre's behalf. The company will use modern build techniques to deploy the network quickly and ensure a fast and successful roll-out with minimum disruption to residents.

Stirling Council Leader, Councillor Scott Farmer, said: "This project will be a watershed moment for homes across the city. Fast and reliable access to the internet is a cornerstone of everyday life for business and personal use and the roll out of these plans will help equip Stirling for today and the future. This project underpins Stirling's ambition to have world class connectivity and is just one of the many ways Stirling Council is transforming the area to make sure it is a place where everyone can thrive."

To find out more about the Gigabit City infrastructure in Stirling visit:

www.cityfibre.com/stirling



Technology and Dementia Study

The Life Changes Trust is looking for individuals with **dementia** or **live-in carers** to participate in small focus groups about **assistive technology**. They will ask your **opinions and feelings** about the technology you use to help you live with dementia.

Information you need to know:

- You don't have to use assistive technology to participate
- A formal dementia diagnosis is required OR you must care for someone who has a diagnosis
- Persons with dementia must be over 65-years-old
- You must live with a carer OR as a carer you must live with a person with dementia
- Interviews will last up to 1.5 hours and will be audio recorded
- Total study time will be 3 – 3.5 hours (including lunch)
- All information given will be kept anonymous

Two sessions will be held. One for individuals living with Dementia and one for Carers. Both will be held in Stirling. The dates, times and venues have still to be set.

Each participant will be given a £15 Marks and Spencer voucher. Lunch, tea, coffee and biscuits will be provided. Travel costs will also be covered.

To sign up, or for more information, please contact: Robyn Yellowlees by phone on **07557 996 208** or email robyn.yellowlees@lifechangestrust.org.uk

Consultation on Young Carer Grant Regulations

The Scottish Government is consulting on the development of the policy and regulations for the Young Carer Grant, a new benefit which will be delivered by Social Security Scotland. The grant will provide a £300 one-off payment, which can be applied for annually for young carers aged 16-17 (and 18 if still at school) with significant caring responsibilities. The Young Carer Grant aims to provide some financial support during a key transition period in young carers' lives to help improve their health and education outcomes as they move into the adult world.

The purpose of the consultation is to gather views on the policy and draft regulations and identify any gaps, issues or unintended consequences. The consultation is also asking questions on some specific points about the effects of the regulations. They are looking to gather views from a range of organisations and individuals to ensure the best possible solutions are identified. In addition to asking questions about the draft regulations and policy they will also be asking for views on the potential impacts of Young Carer Grant on different groups and also on businesses.

The Scottish Government is now seeking views of any organisation or individual with an interest in these matters to ensure what is being proposed will meet the needs of clients in the Scottish social security system.

The consultation closes on 10 December. The consultation document is available through this link <https://consult.gov.scot/social-security/consultation-on-young-carer-grant-regulations/>

ACE Cornton - Destress & Relax session

Do you want to understand the causes & effects of stress and learn healthy coping mechanisms? Do you want to learn simple relaxation techniques that can be practiced at home?

ACE Cornton are holding a session on Thursday 13 December, 10am – 12pm at their base in Cornton Community Centre, 37 Johnston Avenue, Stirling, FK9 5DD.

For more information contact ACE Cornton by phone on 01786 445619 or by email: office@ace-cornton.org

Scotland's Year of Coasts and Waters 2020 - Event Fund Is Now Open

2020 has been designated Scotland's Year of Coasts and Waters. The year will spotlight, celebrate and promote opportunities to experience and enjoy Scotland's unrivalled Coasts and Waters. It will also be encouraging responsible engagement and participation from the people of Scotland and visitors. The delivery of an exciting programme of special events will be an important part of the year.

An **Open Fund of £600,000** is available across **two funding rounds**. Applications for grants of between **£10,000 and £50,000** are invited.

Round 1 is for events that are already in **design and development** where applicants should be in a position to be part of the first programme announcement planned for **Spring 2019**. The **deadline** for receipt of applications for **Round 1 is 5pm Monday 14 January 2019**.

Round 2 applicants should be in a position to be part of the **Autumn 2019** programme announcement. The deadline for receipt of applications for **Round 2 is 5pm Friday 7 June 2019**.

For more information on how to apply, please follow the link below to the EventScotland funding page where the Events Programme Open Fund Guidance and Criteria is available for download.

<http://www.eventscotland.org/funding/year-of-coasts-and-waters-2020>

The Royal Society for the Prevention of Accidents (RoSPA)

RoSPA is currently working with [Building Safer Communities \(http://www.bsc.scot/\)](http://www.bsc.scot/) on scoping the opportunity for a national prevention strategy for Unintentional Injury and Harm in Scotland. The aim of the exercise is to provide insight into whether a national prevention strategy for Unintentional Injury and Harm is needed for Scotland. The exercise will also consider gaps across the Scottish policy landscape. As part of this research, they are interested in your viewpoints on the current situation regarding the prevention of Unintentional Injury and Harm.

They have created a short online survey which can be accessed here:

<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/GN2Q6ZP>. Responses will be collated and will be used anonymously.

The survey will close on **5 December**. If you have any questions concerning this research or its purpose, please email communitysafety@rospa.com

Stirling Citizens Advice Crowdfunder Campaign

Stirling CAB has launched a crowd funder campaign to secure resources to provide fuel poverty advice in Food Banks in Stirling.

The project, which plans to take place throughout 2019, will aim to help over 1,000 people living below the bread line. They plan to employ a Fuel Poverty Outreach Worker to help educate and inform, enable and empower clients to take appropriate action to manage their fuel usage and build their capacity around energy efficiency advice and instruction. This is to ensure that those who are gripped by poverty can find their way to financial stability.

For more information please visit:- <https://www.crowdfunder.co.uk/the-food-and-fuel-poverty-project>



Trading for Social Benefit in Stirling:

A survey of social enterprises and enterprising third sector organisations.

Stirling Council, in partnership with Stirlingshire Voluntary Enterprise (SVE), are conducting research into social enterprises and enterprising third sector organisations trading within the Stirling Council area. The research will be used to support and inform the development of a social enterprise strategy for Stirling.

Therefore we would be grateful if you could take a few minutes to fill in the following survey which you can access by visiting: <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/SVESocEnt>

CashBack for Communities Youth Work Fund

YouthLink Scotland, the national agency for youth work, is now receiving applications for the latest round of the Scottish Government's CashBack for Communities Youth Work Fund for projects delivered between 1 April 2019 and March 2020.

YouthLink welcome proposals for the delivery of targeted youth work activity programmes which provide diversionary youth work activities for young people aged 10 to 24 who face one or more forms of disadvantage as listed below:-

- Living in areas of deprivation (priority will be given to projects working in communities within the top 20% SIMD).
- Being unemployed, not in education or training.
- Being excluded, or at risk of exclusion from school.
- Being at risk of being involved in antisocial behaviour, offending/re-offending.

A total of £700,000 is available. **The closing date for applications is 1pm on Friday 7 December 2018.**

More information on the latest round of the CashBack Youth Work Fund, grant criteria and details is available on the Youth Link website:

<https://www.youthlinkscotland.org/funding/cashback-for-communities/cashback-for-communities-youth-work-fund/>

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