



"A Community with Commitment" News

BAILLIESTON POLICE OFFICE

Baillieston Police Office first opened in 1948 with the Sub divisional office being in Shettleston. Housed within Baillieston Police Office are Uniform Groups as well as Community Police Officers. The day to day responsibility for running of the office is entrusted to Section Inspector Eddie Keen. For policing purposes the Baillieston Police Office serves the communities of Baillieston, Broomhouse, Carmyle, Mt. Vernon, Garrowhill and Barlanark. In total 4 Community Constables are allocated duty to the Barlanark area and are divided into two groups, each working alternate shifts. They are as follows:-

- * Constable Kenneth Sewell
- * Constable Allison Thomson
- * Constable Alan Law
- * Constable Martin McCole

These officers carry out both uniform and plain clothes police duties and in addition regularly attend various community meetings in order to accurately obtain the

communities views and comments. It was as a result of this liaison that the recent public meeting attended by Councillor Coleman, members of Calway and the Police came about. As a result of this meeting, a working group was established staffed by the aforementioned who now meet monthly to discuss ways in which anti social behaviour and vandalism can be tackled and or reduced for the benefit of the residents.



How can I help? Simple, inform the police when persons are committing a crime, anti social behaviour or vandalism. The police really need your help once a criminal act has been committed by providing them with as much information as possible. What exactly is required from witnesses by the police and what are the procedures that follow that allow justice to be carried out? All will be revealed in the next edition of the Newsletter.

Should any resident require assistance and or information, please do not hesitate to contact any of the Community Constables mentioned or Inspector Keen on 532-4350.



EMERGENCY CONTACT

There have been a few occasions recently where there have been emergency repairs to which the Co-op needed immediate access. Unfortunately, access could not be gained quickly due to the tenant(s) being out, as a result the damage was excessive.

We would therefore ask all tenants if they could provide the office with their up to date telephone number and contact number ie: mobile number or relative.

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PROPERTY SERVICES UPDATE

VANDALISM

As you can see from the front page of this newsletter the Co-operative staff and Committee are working closely with the Police to combat the increasing instances of vandalism in the area.

For the campaign against vandalism and anti-social behaviour to be truly successful, residents in the area must also be prepared to stand up and be counted. If you see something amiss - **REPORT IT IMMEDIATELY** to the Police. If the culprit is arrested and convicted

the Co-operative will then take action against the tenancy of those involved.

Some residents have already started doing this and prevented further damage to an empty house by phoning and alerting staff regarding windows being broken by local children. This resulted in the parent of one of the children involved receiving a final warning. Remember vandalism isn't a victimless crime - **YOU** are paying for it - £20,000 in the last year or the equivalent of six new kitchens being fitted

RECHARGEABLE REPAIRS - REMINDER



As you will be aware, over the years, the Co-operative has been carrying out repairs, which are the responsibility of the tenant. Unfortunately we have been unable to recover the cost of these repairs; therefore, rechargeable repairs must be paid in advance of any works being carried out. Only in exceptional circumstances, i.e. emergencies this rule will be overlooked, but the cost must still be paid after work is complete.

When reporting such repairs, you will be informed of the cost and asked to pay or complete a declaration to pay, which must be adhered to.

ALLOCATIONS



At present there is a high turnover of 4 apartments within the area. Do you know anyone wishing to move to the Calvay area? If so then why not tell them to contact Gail at the office for more information and an application form.

MUTUAL EXCHANGES



Do you wish to move within the Calvay area or outwith the area? Then why not advertise in the Mutual Exchange book in the office. All you need to do is complete a card which you can get from Geraldine at reception.

APPROVED CONTRACTORS - UPDATE

The time has come round again for Calvay to update their list of approved contractors. Most of our contractors will remain, however there will be some new faces around the area over the next few months.

During this time, we would be grateful if you would co-operate in assisting us with assessing these contractors by way of returning your tenant satisfaction cards or reporting problems/comments to the office.



ARTS ACTIVITIES FOR BARLANARK

We are now collecting the questionnaires, which were sent to all residents. If you have not yet completed yours, please send it in as soon as possible to the Robert Bennie Centre.

We are seriously looking into training events and sessions on these exciting subjects and we need to know how much interest there is before we start.

- Making films and videos
- Learning a musical instrument
- Sound recording
- Photography
- Home Decorating
- Pottery



- Dance
- Crafts
- Theatre
- Painting



Get Trained! Get good! Joy!

Money and Trainers are available and we would really like to get this going as soon as we can!

And don't forget the prize draw for all completed Questionnaires!

Any questions or lost forms - speak to Cathy Norman at the Centre.

Let's go for it!

GENERAL MEETING

The next general meeting will take place on Monday, 7 May 2001 in the Robert Bennie Centre at 7.00 pm.

1. Sederunt
2. Maintenance Update
3. Housing Management Update
4. Development Update.

COMMITTEE SURGERIES

A Committee Surgery will be held on Tuesday, 17 April 2001 at 2.00 pm in the Calvay Co-operative Office.

Do you have an issue which has not been resolved or any ideas for the future then come along and air your views.

STAIRCLEANING

Most of you will be already aware that there has been no staircleaning since January this year. This is due to the Co-operative ceasing the contract as we are currently looking into other alternatives. We apologise for any inconvenience caused.

Watch out for the update!!



PIGEONS

The office has been receiving complaints about tenants feeding the pigeons in the area. You can imagine the mess they leave behind which not only unsightly but extremely unhygienic and it is also attracting vermin to the area.



Please give consideration to your neighbours and stop this practice now!

AGE CONCERN PRODUCTS

Glasgow Old People's Welfare Insurance Services Ltd. based in Glasgow currently have a range of services which may be of interest to people aged 50 and over. These services include Travel Insurance, Motor Insurance and Home & Contents Insurance. They also offer advice and information on Welfare matter.



Details of these products can be obtained from their office at:-

Glasgow Old People's Welfare Insurance Services Ltd.
7 Sandyford Place
GLASGOW
G3 7NB
TEL NO: 0141 204 0811



CENTRE UPDATE

USE IT OR LOSE IT

Once again S.A.G. has put on an event and due to lack of response, the Fish Supper Night had to be cancelled.

Events such as this are put on for the Community and if they are not being attended the S.A.G. will have to rethink its objectives.

SIXTIES NIGHT

The S.A.G. are sponsoring a sixties night for those 18 years and over at the Robert Bennie Centre on Saturday, 28 April at 8.00pm - 1.00am. Admission is £2.00 and it's B.Y.O.B.



EASTER EGG HUNT



The S.A.G. is sponsoring an Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, 14 April at 12.00 pm at the Robert Bennie Centre. All children are welcome.

COMPUTER TRAINING

John Wheatley College are running a computer course at the Robert Bennie Centre every Tuesday morning from 9.30 - 11.30 am. The course is free and all are welcome.



BIKE THEFT

In the early hours of Saturday, 17 February a black Axle bike was stolen from an address in Mark Crescent. The bike was a present for a local youngster whose parents are still paying for it.

If anyone knows anything about the theft please contact Baillieston Police office on 532-4350 or contact the Co-op's office.

