

Our Community Connected



December 2025

Save the Date



Come and joins us for an afternoon of entertainment, food and fabulous company.

Booking links will be available soon via Facebook and our website.

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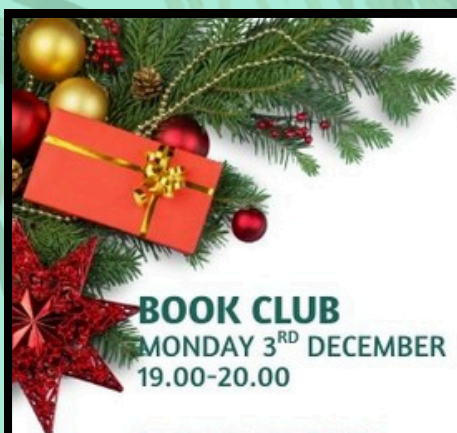
Christmas at the Hub

Christmas is already looking very busy for the team at the Hub and around the village. This edition of the newsletter has lots of updates of festive offerings from various groups in the village.

The Hub will be closed from the 25th of December until the 5th of January.

Festive collections will be available on both Christmas Eve and Hogmanay (times tbc on our social media).

We wish you all a Merry Christmas and a new year filled with peace, love and joy.



CHRISTMAS AT SBFVG

BOOK CLUB

MONDAY 3RD DECEMBER
19.00-20.00

MENS GROUP

MONDAY 8TH DECEMBER
09.30-10.30

ELEVATE

WEDNESDAY 10TH DECEMBER
18.30-20.30

FULSHIE FILMS

FRIDAY 12TH DECEMBER
13.00-15.00 Y@H, 16.00-18.00
AMIGOS

SANTA PARADE

SUNDAY 14TH DECEMBER
17.00-18.30

CARE FOR CARERS

WEDNESDAY 17TH DECEMBER
18.30-20.30

YOUNG AT HEART

MONDAY 22ND DECEMBER
13.00-15.00

FESTIVE HAMPERS

PARTIALLY FUNDED BY
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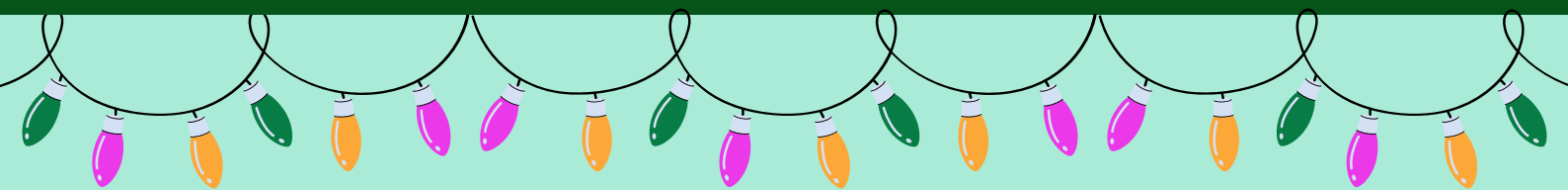
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ADDITIONAL NAMES FOR HAMPERS AT
THIS TIME).

DELIVERING JOY

IN PARTNERSHIP WITH
DUNELM

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ADDITIONAL NAMES FOR GIFTS AT THIS
TIME).





**Join us
on
Sunday 14th December
from 16.00
at
the HUB**

**where we will be joined by Whitburn
Youth Band before leaving at 17.00 with
Santa and his elves, our snowman and
of course the Grinch.**

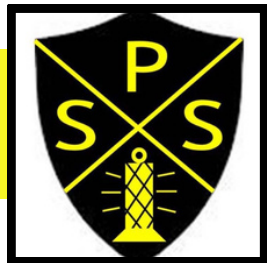


**Santa hats and wands will be available
from 16.00 at the Hub for £1 each.**

**Stock is limited and will be available
on a first come first served basis.**

Santa and his elves will leave the HUB at 17.00 before heading down towards Stoneyburn Primary School. Route heads along Cuthill Crescent and Stoneyburn Main Street, pausing at the War Memorial to lay a wreath. Parade then heads towards Bents, along Burnbrae Road, Lighton Terrace, Burnlee Drive, Crofthead Road, Redcroft Terrace, Main Street into Stoneyburn, pausing at the Miners' Memorial to lay a wreath. It will then continue along Main Street, and end the parade by turning back into the car park of the Stoneyburn Workshops.





Stoneyburn Primary School

School and Nursery Update

Everyone has been very busy this term so far, and there's lots more exciting plans ahead as we approach the festive season. Pupils in Primary 1 are currently enjoying a topic about 'Toys' and finding out more about toys from the past and materials toys are made from. Primary 2 have been busy organising fundraising for Children in Need and Primary 7/6 recently hosted a lovely Remembrance Assembly for the whole school and sold poppies for Poppy Scotland. Primary 4/3 are learning about the Roman times and P6/5 have started work on the Titanic. Our Nursery children have been busy learning about Autumn, Transport and Dinosaurs. Primary 2-4 pupils have had the opportunity to join a Multi-Sports After School Club and our Primary 6 pupils have just started their Sports Leader Training with Active Schools. Our Primary 1-4 pupils are also enjoying an 11-week block from Limelight Music on a Wednesday morning.

Upcoming Diary Dates

Monday 1st December - In-School Christmas Programme Begins
Thursday 4th December - Christmas Fayre 6pm
Tuesday 9th December - Christmas Assembly
Thursday 11th December - School Christmas Lunch
Thursday 11th December - Christmas Concert
Friday 12th December - Nursery, P1 & P2 Christmas Party
Wednesday 17th December - Whole School Panto Trip
Thursday 18th December - P3-P7 Christmas Party
Friday 19th December - End of term

Christmas Programme of Events

We have lots of fun activities and events planned for the month of December.

A timetable of events has been sent to all parents.

Scottish Book Week 17-23rd November

We were very much looking forward to sharing this year's Book Bags from the Scottish Book Trust with our Nursery pupils and P1, 2 & 3 pupils.

We hosted a Book Launch morning on Friday 21st November, 9.00-9.45am, for P1-3 parents. Many of you came along to share your child's book bag with them.



Please keep an eye on our 'Stoneyburn Primary Parent Council' Facebook Page for upcoming dates and times for meetings.

All parents/carers are welcome to come along.

P7 Transition to Whitburn Academy

Our Transition programme to Whitburn Academy has started. Primary 7 has enjoyed two day-visits to the academy where they met with S6 buddies and some members of staff.





Our Lady's RC Primary School

NEWS

Here at Our Lady's Primary School, we are delighted to have strong links with our community. We have been part of the AST (Active Sustainable Travel) group this year where our children have been thinking about and exploring the village to identify 'What is important in Stoneyburn and Bents?'. We have enjoyed visiting the Community Larder in Stoneyburn and chatting with people in the community whilst we were there.

As part of our Active and Sustainable Travel programme we worked with I Bike from August to our October break. Shani from I Bike provided fun and engaging sessions with all our classes which involved, Scooter Sessions, Learn to Ride, Wilderness walks, Smoothy Bike sessions and silent discos.

Open Day WELCOME

Hopefully many of you made it along to our open day for children starting Primary 1 in 2026. Head teacher Mrs Carr was on hand to show everyone around and answer any questions.



Upcoming Diary Dates

Thursday 4th December - School Mass
Monday 8th December - Cuthill Community Carols
Wednesday 10th December - Nativity Performance
Thursday 11th December - Christmas Lunch & Christmas Jumper Day
Friday 12th December - Stoneyburn ELC Party
Wednesday 17th December - Christmas Pantomime Howden Centre
Friday 19th December - Last day of Term

HAPPY HALLOWEEN

Our parent council organised a fantastic Halloween party, lots of fun was had by all and we loved the variety of costumes too.

Litter Pick

We are delighted to be working with SBFVG to keep the village clean by joining them to pick up litter and keep our village looking amazing!



Community Centre Community Engagement

West Lothian Council regeneration team is conducting community engagement via a survey, regarding services within the village in connection with the Community Centre to ensure the new centre meets the needs of the community.

Council officers are currently working on a stage 2 bid for Regeneration Capital Grant Fund (RCGF) and are keen to have your views on the following in relation to the new Community Centre and activities within the village. This survey will help to support the current funding application for the additional sum of money required to provide a larger community centre for the village, (currently a smaller sized centre has already been agreed by the Executive). The regeneration team has been meeting with our groups to capture their views but please share this with other residents to make sure their voice is heard too.

If you would like to share your views and comments, please scan the QR code below.



West Lothian
Council



School Support

Our gardening team has been hard at work recently, carrying out several litter picks around the village with support from both our village schools.

John and Sandy have been busy supporting both our village primary schools with their gardens. Our lady's Primary School needed a tidy and help to build their new shed, which we think looks great. In addition to this they also supported Stoneyburn Primary School to get their raised beds ready for the Primary 1 class to begin some vegetable planting. We can't wait to see what their harvest brings.



Festive Giving

As part of our festive giving this year we have partnered with Dunelm to ensure our families and individuals in the village have a gift to open this festive season. In addition to this, festive hampers will be delivered funded by WLC and SBFVG.

The Group has again provided a selection box for every primary school child, and nursery aged child, who is educated within the village. These will be handed out via our schools in due course.

To support our Old Folkes Treat, we have again provided a donation to support the rising food costs and to support the fantastic work by the volunteers.



Elevate

Dough was flying, toppings piling up, crusts stuffed, and smiles everywhere when our Elevate group created their own pizza creations using our new pizza oven. We loved their enthusiasm and creativity. This followed with crafts and games the following month. We are looking forward to our festive event on the 10th of December where we will be making truffles and enjoying a festive silent disco.

The group continues to grow and be shaped by our young people who set the activities each month. If your young person would like to come along, please contact Laura for details.

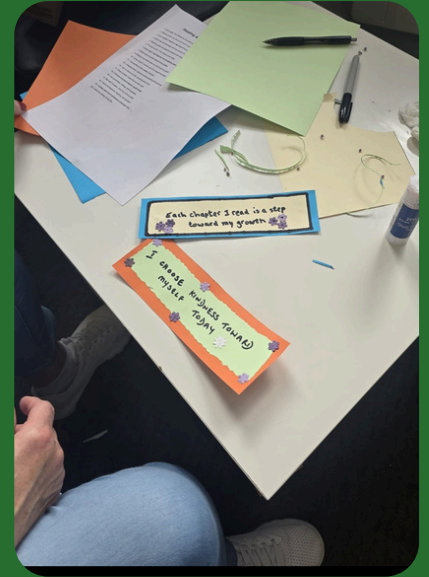


Care for Carers



Our Care for Carers group has been busy recently, taking part in a wide range of activities to support wellbeing and creativity. They have enjoyed sessions doing their own marble design rock paintings and also made some inspiring bookmarks. The group thoroughly enjoyed their spa day with Jen from Remidy which included indulging in a relaxing facial.

If you or someone you know could benefit from attending our Care for Carers group, please contact laura.sbfvg@gmail.com for further information.



Community Paths Update



We are delighted to share that work to upgrade the bowlers' path behind Cuthill Crescent, which leads to Addiewell has been completed. A huge thanks to McLaren Plant Ltd for the swift completion of the project and to residents for their support too. This important improvement will also link to the existing Fulshie route, creating a circular walking network, although a crossing over the main road will still be required.

In addition, work continues on developing the Fauldhouse link, and we hope to provide an update on the East Whitburn connection in the coming weeks. We would like to thank Walking Scotland for their continued support to our pathing networks.



MOOD Mental Health and Wellbeing

MOOD has seen a few exciting changes since the last SBFVG newsletter. We're delighted to share that a new Board of Trustees is now in place. With the wide range of skills and knowledge they bring, we're confident their input will soon help shape and strengthen the future of MOOD — so keep an eye out for what's to come.

Our New Name

One of the first visible changes is our name. We are now officially MOOD Mental Health and Wellbeing. This new name makes it clear who we are and what we do — supporting adults (18+) with their mental health and wellbeing.

Our Services

Our service offers a safe, welcoming space where people can come together and share with peers. We take a trauma-informed approach, making sure support is respectful, understanding, and inclusive.

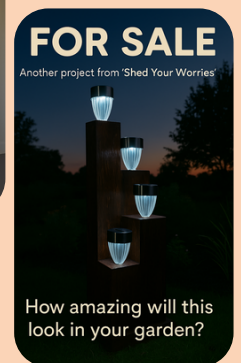
When we're open:

- Tuesdays, Wednesdays & Thursdays: 10.30am – 12.30pm (drop-in sessions at MOOD)
- Mondays: Men's group at Rosemount Café, Bathgate

If you'd like more information — or to talk about 1-to-1 support — please do get in touch.

Handmade Projects for Sale

At MOOD Mental Health and Wellbeing, some of our members have been busy creating beautiful handmade items to sell, helping raise funds to keep the service running. You can see their work below, or visit our Facebook page The MOOD Project (soon to be updated with our new name).



Get Involved

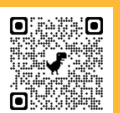
We're always looking for people who would like to share their talents with the group. Learning something new can have a big impact on our mental health. Whether it's art, crafts, music, yoga, poetry, or even sharing your knowledge about coins or the local area, we'd love to hear from you.

Small steps
every day
build big
changes over
time.



Thank You to Our Volunteers

Finally, a heartfelt thank you to our four incredible volunteers. MOOD simply couldn't run without their dedication and support. We are truly grateful for everything they do to help us deliver this service.





Stoneyburn Community Bowling Club

Discover the Joy of Bowling!

Our green is closed until April 26th, if you fancy joining, please contact the club, drop the Facebook page a message, speak to one of the committee members, drop us an e-mail (cmc08@sky.com) or call the club on 01501 228182.



Club Events

We hold many social events in the club throughout the year and normally post ticket sales on Facebook or on posters in the club.

Baldy Holly-December 13th-Christmas Party Night

Sharon Hope-January 1st-New Year Family Party-
£7 & £2 ticket price

Blondie/Cher Tribute-February 28th-Ticketed event

Skababs-March 28th-Ticketed event

Robert Childs-May 2nd-Ticketed event



Memberships

Please find below membership fees for season 2025/2026. Fees can be paid anytime from now until opening day which is April 12th.

Full member £60.00

Joint £100.00

New Members £30.00

Juniors (under 17) Free

Associate members £10.00

Memberships can be paid by card, cash or bank transfer. Please ask in the club, message the page or speak with one of the committee members for assistance.

Bar Opening times

Friday – 19:00 – 00:00

Saturday – 12:00 – 00:00

Sunday – 12:00 – 20:00

Hall Bookings

If you are thinking of holding a private party, our hall holds up to 95 of your family and friends. Contact the club for any booking enquiries. Our diary is open for 2026 & 2027 bookings.





Stoneyburn Juniors



Growing Coaching Team

Stoneyburn FC continue to go from strength to strength on and off the pitch. A senior side competing in the highly competitive EOSFL, an ambitious Under-20s development team providing a pathway for players aged 16-20 and a thriving 2012s youth side for young players born in 2012 and 2013.

The club has continued to invest in high-quality coaching, recently adding former Hibernian midfielder Paul Carney to the backroom staff. More positive news comes with the addition of David Hendry, joining from Blackburn United to bolster the squad.

Community at the Heart

Stoneyburn FC pride themselves on being a pillar of the local community. Recently the club generously donated £100 to each of the village school PTAs, strengthening bonds with local families and demonstrating a commitment to supporting groups across the village.

The Club is hosting a major fundraiser in February - 'The Auld Old Firm Sportsman Brunch', featuring John McKelvie, Jimmy Nicholl and Frank McAvennie. Tickets are on sale now for £25, a fantastic afternoon at Stoneyburn Bowling Club with a champagne breakfast served at noon!



New Bobble hats £10



The brand new bobble hat priced at just £10, perfect for cold afternoons at Beechwood Park!



Walker Gas Services

The club is delighted to announce Walker Gas Services as matchball sponsor for the 2025/26 season.

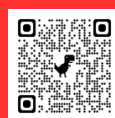
Our Kits



All Weather Pitch

Stoneyburn Football Club now run four teams within the village. Anyone who would like to trial for any of the teams can email

Stoneyburnfootballclub@gmail.com and we will put you in touch with the coach for the age group.





Whats on in Stoneyburn?

Only £1
per week!



Childrens Club -Thursdays - 6-8pm - P3-P7

Junior Youth Club - Mondays - 6-8pm - P6-S2

Both held at Our Lady's Primary School

If interested in attending any of these groups then please register online using the QR code. If unable to do so then attend the group and staff will help you register.

Under 16s have to be registered by an adult.



Our youth clubs, drop-ins and projects are safe spaces that you can come along to if you want to mix with friends, try new activities, engage with experienced youth workers and most importantly be yourself.

For more information contact CLDYouthServices@westlothian.gov.uk

West Lothian CLD Youth Services

@CLDYouthWL @youthworkWL

Larder Winter Opening Times

Please note the opening
times are now:

Tuesday 13:00-16:30

Thursday 10:30-13:30



Want to find out more
about your Community
Development Trust or
want to volunteer?

Scan the QR code.



See SBFVG's website

www.sbfvg.com

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Helping to Stay Warm

In partnership with The School Bank West Lothian, we have a great selection of winter jackets, boots, and accessories for both adults and children – and the best part is everything is completely free. We know this is an expensive time of year and the cold days and nights are already setting in. Pop into the larder and see if there is anything suitable for you and your family.



Young at Heart

Our Young at Heart group has been enjoying a variety of engaging activities in recent weeks chosen by the group themselves. We have been enjoying our armchair fitness sessions, our trips down memory lane, and not forgetting, our recent trip to Dundee, where there was plenty to see and do!

We had some film fans into the Hub recently to watch One Life which everyone thoroughly enjoyed with a cuppa, and of course, a wee sandwich as well as our spooktacular Hallowe'en event lots of games, a quiz, and lots of sweets.



Miners' Memorial Update

After a few delays in sourcing the correct equipment, the new lighting at the Miners' Memorial was finally installed by the dedicated lighting team at WLC. Their careful work has brought a renewed sense of prominence and dignity to the site, ensuring the Memorial can be appreciated at all times of day. This valuable project was funded by the West Lothian Development Trust, whose support has enabled a meaningful enhancement to both the Memorial and its surrounding area. We are sure you will agree that the new lighting makes a significant and lasting difference to this important village landmark.

Mens Group

Our Young at Heart Men's Group has also been enjoying their time for a morning blether, cuppa and a warm breakfast roll. The group has also enjoyed sessions kindly supported by Tom Purdie, sharing football memories, pictures from the past, and the Supreme Sacrifice of our Scottish footballers who volunteered for the British Army in 1914 at the start of World War I.

The group meet on the 2nd Monday of the month and offer a warm welcome to those who wish to attend.





Stoneyburn and Bents Children's Galaday

Gala Day Pageant

It's that time of year again — Gala Day Pageant Entries for 2026 are now open!

Paper copies of the Pageant Forms have been issued to both the schools and nursery to be sent home, but you can also complete our online form using the link below if your child would like to take part in the 2026 Gala Day Pageant!

Deadline for submission is 19th December 2025
We can't wait to see all the wonderful participants next year.

<https://forms.cloud.microsoft/r/5WMss5xkW8>

Please note that we do have pre-loved dresses and kilts available at no cost or a small donation.



Gala Date and Theme

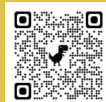
The date for next years
Gala is Saturday 20th June 2026
and the
chosen theme is.....

THROUGH THE DECADES!!!



I ♥ 90s

I ♥
80's 60's





Stoneyburn Community Centre



6pm-8pm

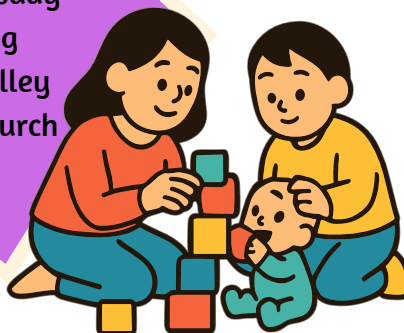
£1 entry fee

OUR LADYS PRIMARY SCHOOL
NURSERY AREA



Parent and Toddlers

Every Tuesday
morning
Breich Valley
Parish Church



If you are looking
to start a new
group, get in touch
below to see
how we can
help!

Over the next few months you will see our current community centre being demolished to create the space for work to begin on our new centre.

We are still awaiting funding approval to allow for the new build to be bigger and meet more of our community needs however we will be getting a new centre built in the future.



Youth Clubs

Monday Junior Youth Club P6-S2 - 6pm-8pm

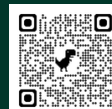
Thursday Children's Club P3-P7 - 6pm-8pm

Youth clubs are running in the new youth hub at
Our Lady's Primary
(old nursery area).

If interested in attending any of these groups then please register online using the QR code. If unable to do so then attend the group and staff will help you register.
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Next Issue March 2026

Stoneyburn and
Bents Future
Vision Group
a community
development trust



Project Development Officer

Our Project Development Officer Laura is on hand to answer any questions or point you in the right direction. Contact Laura at laura.sbfvg@gmail.com or call the office at Stoneyburn Workshops.

Keep Updated



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Facebook

Our Blether Service is operated by a dedicated volunteer who has received training in mental health and wellbeing awareness, dementia and alzheimer's training and is on hand to either have a blether or to keep you up to date with upcoming events. If you are over 50 and would benefit from this service please get in touch.



What's on at the Hub?

Monday

Men's Group - 2nd Monday of the month, 09.30-10.30

Old Yins Youth Club - 13.00 - 15.00

Seated Fitness - 13.00 - 15.00

Card Craft - 18.30 - 20.00

Tuesday

Warm Hub - 13.00 - 16.30

Larder - 13.00 - 16.30

Wednesday

Care for Carers - 10.00 - 12.00

Book Club - 1st Wed of the month, 19.00-20.00

Elevate - Last Wednesday of the month, 18.30-20.30
(P7 to S4).

Thursday

Warm Hub - 10.30 - 13.30

Larder - 10:30 - 13.30

Advice and Support - 10.00 - 12.00

Friday

Chat and Craft - 13.00 - 15.00

****Weekly Blether Service - contact for further information**

Additional activities take place for our groups throughout the year. If you would like to be added to the contact list please email Laura or check out our Facebook Page.

