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Save the Date Sunday 14th December

Further information will be shared via our social media page and website.

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Paths Update

We are pleased to announce that we have secured funding from Paths for All to upgrade the path along the former railway line, located behind Cuthill Crescent, just down from the Bowling Club at Dalziel Court.

By maintaining and enhancing this right of way, we are providing residents of Stoneyburn and visitors with an uninterrupted 5km circular route around the village. This new section links seamlessly with the Waterboard Road and the Fulshie Path, creating a safe and accessible route suitable for all.

While a direct public footpath connection to neighbouring villages has not yet been established, we continue to work in close partnership with the Council to progress this aim and progress is being made: we hope to be able to provide an update on this over the next few weeks. A new path leading from Fauldhouse is being created which will link to Stoneyburn as works progress.

As with all our village footpaths, we kindly ask everyone to help keep the route pleasant for all users. Please ensure you pick up after your dog and dispose of waste responsibly.

Thank you for your continued support in caring for and enjoying our community paths.

Intergenerational Trips

Our intergenerational trips this summer have included going to Portobello and Blackpool. Up first was Portobello where everyone had a faboulous day at the seaside where the sun was shining and plenty of ice-cream was had. This was followed by a trip to Dunfermilne to visit the Abbey and surrounding gardens.

Next we had Blackpool, which provided a lot of fun once again, from a full day at the shows to walks along the beach, everyone had a great time!

Volunteers' Week 2025

We recently celebrated Volunteers' Week
2025 at Stoneyburn and Bents Future Vision
Group, and we would like to express our
sincere gratitude to all our volunteers for
their dedication and invaluable support

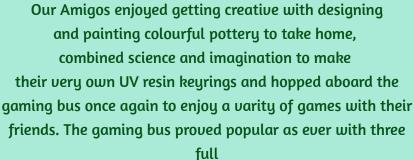
across so many of our community initiatives.



Quite simply, we could not achieve what we do without you.



Summer at the hub has been non-stop FUN!!!



sessions and lots of happy faces. Our Amigos also enjoyed a very cuddly (and even scary) afternoon meeting and handling some interesting creatures including a snake, an armadillo and a tortoise.

Lots of energy was used up at our weekly fitness sessions where our amigos enjoyed lots of outdoor play, football training, dodgeball and rounders, and of course snacks and drinks were also provided to ensure our friends were hydrated and engerised for the tasks ahead.

To complete the summer programme this year, our Amigos embarked on several trips including: The Glasgow Science Centre Edinburgh and the National Museum Burntisland Beach Dunfermline Abbey and Park

Portobello Beach
Everyone thoroughly enjoyed visiting!















Care for Carers

Our Care for Carers group has enjoyed a busy and rewarding few months, taking part in a wide range of activities designed to support wellbeing and creativity.

In June, the group marked National Carers Week with a relaxing group meditation session, followed by a hands-on candle-making workshop that filled the Hub with wonderful fragrances. They also had the opportunity to create their own soaps and even bake fresh sourdough bread.

More recently, members visited Linlithgow, where they designed their own splatter art canvases—producing some fantastic results and enjoying plenty of fun along the way. The day was rounded off with a scenic walk and some well-earned treats.

The group has also taken trips to Jupiter Artland and the Edinburgh Fringe Festival, where they attended Murder, She Didn't Write. Both outings provided memorable experiences that lifted spirits and strengthened connections.

If you, or someone you know, could benefit from attending our Care for Carers Group, please get in touch with Laura - laura.sbfvg@gmail.com for further information.

Bents and Stoneyburn Memorial Assosication

The Group have been around the memorial to tidy the area and ensure it is ready for the Rememberance Service.

The service will take place at 2pm on 9th
November followed by tea kindly in the
Bowling Club by the Bowling Club
committee. There will also be a family night
held the night before, with information to
follow in due course.

To get in touch email - bsma@btinternet.com



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 Like us on Facebook @SBFVG

Young at Heart

Our Young at Heart group has been enjoying a variety of engaging activities in recent weeks.

As part of our popular Armchair Travel series, members explored the sights, sounds, and tastes of Mexico and India, complete with music, traditional food, fun facts, and a themed quiz. It was a lively afternoon spent in the company of friends. We are now looking forward to our next destination — Greece!

The group also welcomed the talented Sandy, who entertained with popular songs from across the decades at our Singo event. Participants sang along while marking their Singo cards, with plenty of winners to celebrate.

In addition, members enjoyed a wonderful day trip to Largs, making the most of the sunshine with a walk along the beach, followed by the traditional seaside favourites of fish, chips, and ice cream. To round off the season, the group gathered for a delightful afternoon tea, accompanied by fantastic live entertainment from Suzanne Bailey-Scott. Laughter, music, and dancing made it a memorable event for all.





Community Gardening

Our gardening team has been hard at work recently, trimming back the paths along the Fulshie route and carrying out several litter picks around the village. In addition, the team has supplied equipment to local residents who were keen to get involved and support these efforts.

If you would like to borrow equipment and lend a hand, or join the gardening team, please contact Laura — we'll be happy to assist.



Our Lady's RC Primary School

Community Links

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.

We ended our summer term fantastically well and we enjoyed hosting our first Spring Fair.

It was very well attended and much fun was had by all.

We joined the community walking in the Gala Day parade this year.

Part of our Health Week was doing a 'Wellbeing Ramble' to Addiewell and back.

Spring Fair

Hopefully many of you made it along to our Spring Fair which was on the 30th of May. The children have really enjoyed preparing for this event. We had a lot of different stalls but the chocolate tombola was one of the most popular!

Thank you to everyone who attended.





End of Term

We finished our year with our yearly school and family trip to the beach. It was an amazing way to end the year!





Stoneyburn Primary School



Pupils returned to school on Wednesday 13th August after a fun-filled summer break. Everyone has settled in well to their new class and we have welcomed in our brand new Primary 1's for the 2025-2026 session. Primary 7 pupils have enjoyed their role of being a buddy to our new pupils, helping them in the lunch-hall and playground.



Upcoming Diary Dates

Friday 5th September Wednesday 10th September Friday 12th September Tuesday 16th September Thursday 18th September Tuesday 23rd September Friday 26th September Wednesday 8th October Meet the Teacher 11.30-12.15
Nursery Stay & Plays
Nursery Stay & Plays
Community Litter Pick
All break for September weekend
All resume
Dress Down Day
Nursery Coffee & Chat 2.30-3.10

Our School Values

Last session we began consultation with all pupils, families and staff to discuss our school values and to identify any changes that needed to be made.

We have now completed this consultation and our new and improved school values are:

Kindness

Honesty

Inclusion
Ambition
Resilience



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.

Managing Anxiety in Children Workshop

On Tuesday 7th October, parents/carers are invited to attend an evening workshop in school to learn more about managing anxiety in children. Times will be sent to families.

Challenge Poverty Week

Challenge Poverty Week runs from 6th -12th October. Please look out for further information about this in the coming weeks.





Our Monthly group Elevate is for 12-16 year olds.

We have been enjoying activities including, bowl and dine, gaming, crafts and also enjoying some pizza together.

Our next dates are:

24th September 6:30pm-8:30pm

29th October 6:30pm-8:30pm

26th November 6:30pm-8:30pm

10th December 6:30pm-8:30pm

If you would like to come along to the next session please contact

Laura.sbfvg@gmail.com



Guinness World Records Record Breaker!!

A huge congratulations to all of our Mini Cooks who took part in the Jamie Oliver Cooking Workshop. By joining in, you became official record-breakers—taking part in the world's largest cookery lesson! Together, you prepared delicious fresh pasta with a homemade tomato sauce—well done!

We would also like to thank Clare from Adult Learning for supporting the session and providing the cooking equipment and utensils.

This fantastic achievement is proudly on display in the Hub—congratulations once again to all involved!



Building Works

We are pleased to share that the installation of a new access ramp, ensuring our community spaces are fully accessible to all, has now been completed. In addition, new external lighting along the building and at the main entrance will greatly enhance safety and convenience for those attending evening programmes. Improvements to flooring and bathroom facilities have also been warmly welcomed by our community. We extend our sincere thanks to West Lothian Council for funding these important projects, which will benefit all who use our spaces.



Menopause Support Group

Are you going through the menopause or peri-menopause?

You don't have to do it alone.

Join our friendly group for: Honest conversations Support & shared experiences Tips for wellbeing

Dates for your diary: 08/10 and 12/11

Time: 7pm - 8:30pm

Come along, connect, and feel supported.





Scan the QR code to register. Spaces will be confirmed via email and a wait list applied if required.

Men's Group



Men's blether group - a space to unwind, connect and enjoy good company, a breakfast roll and plenty of tea.

Come along and join John for a morning blether.

Contact Laura for more information email Laura.sbfug@gmail.com

Book Club

We have a new book club! This will be on a Wednesday night from 7pm-8pm on the following dates at the hub:



3rd September

1st October

5th November

3rd December



So come along, grab a book and have a chat with a cuppa!



To contact us www.westlothian.gov.uk/advice-shop-referral?c=cp









Fulshie Films Double Bitt





Join us for a special double screening!

One Life
A moving film especially for our
Young at Heart 50+ audience.

The Witches

A magical family favourite,

for our Amigos (p1-7 must be accompanied by an

adult)

Plus, enjoy Halloween-themed crafts and tasty treats.

Find out more and book your tickets on our website.







Stoneyburn Juniors

2025-2027 Replica Kit

Introducing The Fulshie new 2025-2027 kits.

The black and white home jersey features a stylish pattern of the clubs badge incorporated into the design and on the back of the jersey, The Fulshie is written in charcoal.

The red and white away jersey features a map of the village through the kit.

Replica kits will be on sale from June and will be available in sizes 4 years to adult 3XL.

Kit will be available to order from our online shop with the link posted on our socials.



Joe Brady Testimonial Match

We welcomed Hearts B to
beechwood for
Joe Brady's Testimonial Match on
Wednesday 2nd July.
Joe is now in his 11th season with
Stoneyburn,
a remarkable milestone for
a true club legend.



We proudly sponsored
the Bowling Club
Competition on Sunday
10th August.
A fantastic day saw Bill
Taylor & Dougie Easton
lift the trophy after
defeating David
Macmillan & Derek
Russell in the final.









We hosted the annual Steven Macmillan Memorial Tournament on Saturday 19th & Sunday 20th July at Beechwood Park, featuring Stoneyburn, Armadale Thistle, Harthill and Blackburn in a competitive four-team contest.

Armadale Thistle emerged as this season's champions!

A huge thank you to everyone that attended and supported the weekend.



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







Stoneyburn Community Bowling Club

Discover the Joy of Bowling!

We have games (ties) on most evenings and some during the day. Please come and join us to watch some fantastic bowling.

If you would like to give it a try drop the FB 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 FB or on posters in the club.

Sharon Hope – September 20th – Free entry to all Jump 'n' Bingo – October 11th - Tickets available Family Halloween Party – November 1st -Tickets available Christmas Party – Baldy Holly – December 13th – Tickets will go on sale soon



Stoneyburn Community Bowling Club 39 Main Street, Stoneyburn, EH47 8AU http://stoneyburnbowlingclub.co.uk



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 – 18:00 – 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.





Stoneyburn Community Centre

Parent and Toddlers

Every Tuesday morning Breich Valley Parish Church

Youth Clubs

Monday Club P6-S2 - 6.30pm-8.30pm

Thursday Club P3-P7 - 6pm-8pm

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

The management committee would like to thank the community for their ongoing continued support whilst the centre is closed. We will continue to provide updates when we receive them from the council and councillors on our Facebook page.

Community Groups

Auld Yins Youth Club - The Hub Chit Chat Group - Bowling Club Card Class - The Hub Craft and Chat - The Hub

Zumba-Stoneyburn Primary School



STARTING FRIDAY 29TH AUGUST OUR LADYS PRIMARY SCHOOL NURSERY AREA









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

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.







What's on at the Hub?

Monday

Men's Group - 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 - 14.00 - 17.30

Larder - 14.00 - 17.30

Wednesday

Care for Carers - 10.00 - 12.00

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

Menopause Group - 2ns Wed of the month, 19.00-

20.30

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

Thursday

Warm Hub - 10.00 - 13.00

Larder - 11.00 - 13.00

Advice and Support - 10.00 - 12.00

Friday

Chat and Craft - 13.00 - 15.00

**Weekly Blether Service - contact for further information

Additional activites 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.





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.

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