

# Our Community Connected



March 2026



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## Annual Santa Parade

We were joined by the Grinch and our friendly snowman at Our Annual Santa Parade festivities.

A huge thank you to everyone who helped to ensure the Santa Parade went ahead this year. From our trustees and colleagues, marshalls, characters, PSYV, Baillie our driver and Lee for supplying the vehicle, our WLC Regeneration Officer Douglas, Santa and his elves, the Grinch and of course our fantastic community.

A special thanks to the Gillogley family for laying our wreaths this year.

As always at our Santa Parade we lay a wreath at both memorials to express our gratitude and respect to the fallen.





## Young At Heart Afternoon Tea

We hosted a Christmas afternoon tea on 22<sup>nd</sup> December, the last of our festive treats for the year with our Young at Heart Group.

From music, bingo, pass the parcel, a raffle, and Santa even managed to visit with a small gift for everyone too.

A huge thank you as always to Stoneyburn Masonic for the use of the hall, John Reidy for the entertainment, Santa, our fantastic volunteers for helping to support the event, and to Laura, Jackie and Stacey for organising the event.



## Festive Giving

Our elves were busy this festive period. We partnered with Dunelm to provide gifts to residents within the village. We also received funding from West Lothian Council to provide festive Hampers across the village. Thanks to the Board, who doubled this funding to reach even more residents, and to you for your nominations.



West Lothian Council

**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](mailto:CLDYouthServices@westlothian.gov.uk)

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@CLDYouthWL @youthworkWL





# Stoneyburn Primary School

## School and Nursery Update

We are all happy to be back after a fun-filled festive period and ready for a busy term ahead!

Pupils in school kick-started term 3 by taking part in a Creative Literacy project where strong links were made between literacy, numeracy and outdoor learning.

Nursery pupils have been busy exploring Wintertime and polar animals.

January also saw the return of Kids Gone Wild which will run until March. Each class will receive two outdoor learning workshops from Rob and Jax.

Our nursery and school parental engagement calendars were issued and are full of opportunities to join in with activities and events over the term. We hope to see lots of families attending the different things on offer.



### Music

Primary 4 pupils are looking forward to 7 sessions from NYCOS (National Youth Choir of Scotland) and P1-4 have just completed a block of workshops from Limelight Music.



### Netball Team

This term, Mrs Oakes and Miss Thomson have been busy working with our school netballers and they have all been training hard! They are looking forward to their upcoming tournament.



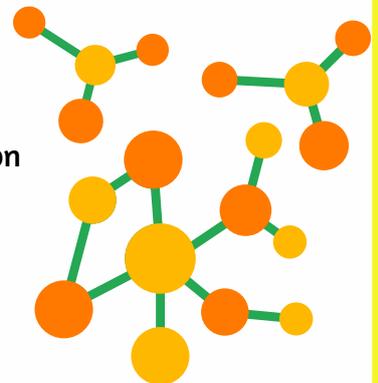
Please keep an eye on our 'Stoneyburn Primary Parent Council' Facebook Page for upcoming dates and times for meetings. All parents/carers welcome.

### Upcoming Diary Dates:

Tuesday 3rd March	P7 Camp Meeting 5pm
Wednesday 4th March	Nursery & School Trip to Edinburgh Zoo
Thursday 26th March	Easter Service
Friday 27th March	Dress Down Day and Coffee Chat
Friday 27th March	Whole School Easter Hunt
Friday 27th March	End of term
Tuesday 14th April	School pupils resume
Wednesday 22nd April	P7 Camp

## British Science Week

We will be hosting a Family Science Workshop in school on Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> March 5.00-6:30pm. All welcome!





# Our Lady's RC Primary School



We recently took part in an Equity Thematic Review and were delighted to have our positive relationships and warm and welcoming environment highlighted in this review. We have an Equity and Inclusion learner led group who have been driving equity through our school. We are well underway in developing our 'Dynamic Curriculum' to develop skills and qualities in all our learners.



The introduction of STEM Thursdays has been a big success for our Primary 6 and 7 class. They have been given challenges to complete which they have thoroughly enjoyed.



## Upcoming Diary Dates

- 5<sup>th</sup> March - Mass at Our Lady's Chapel, Stoneyburn
- 9<sup>th</sup>-13<sup>th</sup> March - Healthy Minds Week
- 13<sup>th</sup> March - Family Friday Event
- 27<sup>th</sup> - March Dress Down Day and Last Day of Term



Our Primary 1,2,3 class have planned their learning around the theme 'Fairy Land' and are approaching their learning with great gusto.

Primary 4 and 5 have a Harry Potter theme in their class this term. They were thrilled to receive a letter from 'Dr McGonagall' about tasks and challenges they need to complete in class.



## Community Paths Update

### Bowlers Path

West Lothian Council has now removed all fly-tipped material located on Council-owned land. The Council has also agreed to our proposed preventative measures to deter further dumping in the area. This will involve the installation of two collapsible (droppable) bollards at the entrance to the path on Cuthill Crescent, with works scheduled for completion within the next two weeks.

Scottish Water has appointed a contractor to remove the remaining fly-tipped material situated on its land as part of the ongoing sewage works renewal project. In addition, Scottish Water will install a staggered access gate at the Bowling Club entrance to the new Bowlers' Path in order to prevent unauthorised vehicular access from the new route. Consultation on this proposal is currently underway with SBFVG. Upon completion of the project, Scottish Water will reinstate the path from Cuthill Crescent to the sewage works.

We would like to formally record our thanks to West Lothian Council and Scottish Water for their constructive engagement and support. We also acknowledge the continued guidance provided by Walking Scotland and the practical assistance of the Community Payback Team in helping to tidy the area.

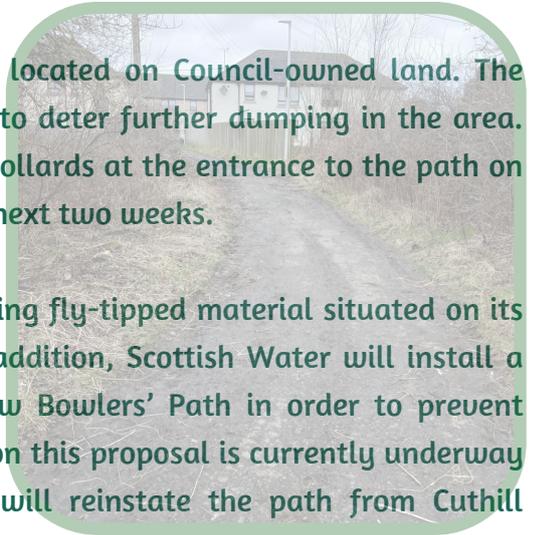
We respectfully remind residents to clean up after their dogs and thank all those who have engaged positively with the new path.

### Fauldhouse Link

Active Travel investment – Cycle path from Stoneyburn to A706.

Progress is being made on a project to create a new Cycle path in the Stoneyburn area.

A planning application has been submitted seeking approval of plans for the construction of a 3m cyclepath, including a bridge crossing over the A706, from Stoneyburn to connect to core path WL24 Fauldhouse Rail Path.





Biscuits were getting crushed, chocolate was added and coconut flakes were sprinkled on top as the group enjoyed making Christmas truffle treats. We loved their enthusiasm and spirit!

The following month the group loved making their very own pies! With our pie makers at the ready and lots of different fillings to choose from, everyone thoroughly enjoyed making these.

More recently we revved it up a gear and had fun Go Karting.

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.



## Access to Employment

Angela from Access to Employment is at the hub every second Thursday from 10am to 12pm. Pop along for a chat and some advice.



## 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.





# Stoneyburn Juniors

## THE MARKSMAN HITS 30!

What a moment for Ross Mackay and everyone at The Fulshie!

After finding the net once again in the recent victory over Pumpherston, Ross notched up his 30<sup>th</sup> league goal since joining the club—a phenomenal milestone that highlights his consistency, composure and killer instinct in front of the goal.

To Mark the occasion, the club proudly presented Ross with a special commemorative T-shirt celebrating, 30 league goals in the famous Fulshie colours! A true marksman leading the line, Ross has been nothing short of outstanding since arriving, delivering when it matters and playing a huge part in the team's success.  
Congratulations, Ross!



Our senior side currently sit 5<sup>th</sup> in the division, with the top four earning promotion. There is still plenty of football to be played and the squad will be pushing hard to build momentum and close the gap on the promotion places. The Club is delighted to confirm three recent additions, Ryan Robertson, Stephen McLay and Harry Brash, Welcome to the Fulshie!

We also wish the very best to Liam Woods, Michael Butler and Aidan Gibb, thank you for your efforts in a Stoneyburn shirt.



The fulshie recently hosted their annual Sportman's brunch at the community bowling club on Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> February and the event was a complete sell out. Guest speakers John McKelvie, Jimmy Nicholl and Frank McAvennie helped make it a fantastic afternoon for everyone that attended. Thank you to everyone who supported the event.

Be a part of Stoneyburn's Future-Foundation Wall. Our Foundation wall at Beechwood Park is growing fast—and your name could be next. £30 for one personalised brick, £100 for four bricks. Let's keep building the future of Stoneyburn — one brick at a time.



The senior team play in The EOSFL Football League. Fixtures and up-to-date league tables can be viewed via the EOSFL website at EOSFL.com

## 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](mailto:Stoneyburnfootballclub@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!

Our opening day will be held in April. 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.



## Memberships

Our 2026/2027 membership costs will be decided at the next AGM held in February. For any membership queries please contact the club.

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.

## 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.

**Skababs** - March 28th - Sold Out

**Banksie** - April 11<sup>th</sup>

**Robert Childs** - May 2nd - Ticketed event

**Boozy Brunch** - May 30<sup>th</sup> - Sold Out

**DJ Robbie Greig** - June 20<sup>th</sup> - Galadaye Entertainment

**Elvis** - September 5<sup>th</sup> - Ticketed Event

**Robert McIntosh** - October 4<sup>th</sup> - Ticketed Event

**Presenation Night** - October 24th



## 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. Our diary is open for 2026 & 2027 bookings.



## Young at Heart

Our Young at Heart group has been enjoying a variety of engaging activities in recent weeks. We have been enjoying our armchair fitness sessions at the hub and our Burns supper with entertainment, food and friendship which we thank Stoneyburn Masonic for use of their hall, it was a great day!

We had some film fans into the Hub recently to watch 'I Swear' which everyone thoroughly enjoyed, a very interesting film with laughs and cries at the same time. They all enjoyed a cuppa, and of course, a wee sandwich and cake.

Our Burns event was a great success once again with entertainment provided by Suzanne Bailey Scott and as always some treats from Lochrans. Haggis pies went down a treat and of course a raffle to end the day.



**Fulshie Fun Run 2026**  
**Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> May**

**5K Fulshie Fun Run**

- Entry £5
- Start 10 am
- Medal for every runner



**2.5K Fulshie Fun Run**

- Entry £2.50
- Start 11.30 am
- Medal for every runner



Tickets available at [WWW.SBFVG.COM/EVENTS](http://WWW.SBFVG.COM/EVENTS) OR SCAN THE QR CODE ABOVE.

**FULSHIE PARK**  
STRATHYRE DRIVE, STONEYBURN  
FOR MORE DETAILS AND TICKETS: [HTTPS://WWW.SBFVG.COM/EVENTS](https://www.sbfvg.com/events)

## Annual Fulshie Fun Run 2026

SBFVG is delighted to offer you the opportunity to take part in this year's Fulshie Fun Run 5K on the morning of Sunday 10th May 2026.

The course runs through Foulshiels Wood, the previous home of the Fulshie Pit. The name of the run commemorates our village coal mining history and is a nod to the hard work of our miners: the course takes in a small hill challenge.



## Care for Carers

Our Care for Carers group had great festive fun making Christmas wreaths, magical snow globes and other gorgeous decorations from wood, glass and pine cones. We recently enjoyed a mystery day trip which was great fun!

Also our Care for Carers monthly supper club is taking off! Each month we'll explore flavours from around the world while ticking off destinations on our virtual passport. Our first stop was Scotland, enjoying Scottish themed food and drinks! Come along to The Travelling Table and join the journey!

If you or someone you know could benefit from attending our Care for Carers group, please contact [laura.sbfug@gmail.com](mailto:laura.sbfug@gmail.com) for further information.



**CONNECT OUTDOORS**

Interested? SCAN HERE

Do you want to spend more time outdoors? Join a free 7-week group hiking programme to build belonging, confidence and connection with the outdoors.

This is for you, if you...  
 ... feel like it's difficult to access the outdoors, or that you don't belong there.  
 ... have little or no experience hiking in Scotland.  
 ... are interested in joining a group to explore Scotland's nature responsibly.  
 ... can commit to joining seven walks.

You can expect  
 • Weekly walks to explore nature in a safe group environment  
 • Friendly, trained walk leader  
 • Outdoor skills workshops  
 • Free transport and lunch included  
 • Outdoor kit available to borrow

**PROGRAMME HIGHLIGHTS**

- Hike 1 ORIENTATION
- Hike 2 GEAR & MAINTENANCE
- Hike 3 NATURE & CONSERVATION
- Hike 4 NAVIGATION
- Hike 5 WEATHER & MOUNTAIN SAFETY
- Hike 6 EXPEDITION
- Hike 7 SELF-LED HIKE AND CELEBRATION

Connect Outdoors is made possible with The National Lottery Heritage Fund. Thanks to National Lottery players, we have been able to promote initiatives and responsible management with well places in Scotland.

Sponsors: patagonia, berghaus, MONTANE, Rab, Tiso, Mhor Outdoor.

## Hiking Project

Do you want to spend more time outdoors?

We are offering a free 7-week group hiking programme to build belonging, confidence, and connection with the outdoors, in partnership with Mhor Outdoor, Tiso, and the John Muir Trust. Our very own Sandy and Laura will be supporting the group during the course alongside fully trained walk leaders.

The group will meet every Tuesday on the following dates 07, 14, 21, 28, July - 04, 11, 18 August. Lunch and transport will be provided and kit will be available to borrow if required.

For more information and to register, click the link below. Please note you must be available to attend all dates and aged over 18.

<https://www.sbfug.com/hiking-project>

## Women's Group- Inside Out Health



This is a new monthly group dedicated to supporting women's mental and physical wellbeing. The sessions will be delivered by Karen from BB Bodyworks & Botanicals and aims to focus on reconnecting with the body and creating a supportive foundation that nurtures strength, balance and a positive mindset.

## MAKERS & MENDERS

Join us for some creative crafting and enjoy a blether and a cuppa in our new group!

On the last monday  
of every month  
10am-12pm



## Men's 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 meet on the 1st Monday of the month and offer a warm welcome to those who wish to attend. If you feel you would benefit from the Men's Group, come along.



## Larder Winter Opening Times



Please note the opening times are now:

Tuesday 13:00-16:30

Thursday 10:30-13:30



See SBFVG's website  
[www.sbfvg.com](http://www.sbfvg.com)

Like us on Facebook  
@SBFVG

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

Scan the QR code.



## Book Club

Our book club is going from strength to strength each month.

Our recent highlights have been celebrating the festive period with a lovely get together enjoying a fun quiz, some drinks, snacks and Christmas chocolates.

The group meet 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday of the month 7pm-8pm, if anyone would like to join!



## Amigos

🧡 Family Easter Fun 🧡

**Walking Disco around the Fulshie**  
Family fun with music and dancing as we explore the Fulshie to a beat.

Tickets - <https://www.sbfvg.com/event>

**Annual Easter hunt around the Fulshie.**  
Collect your entry form from the Hub, complete the hunt, and return your completed sheet to collect your prize.

Forms must be returned by 1pm.

Tickets - <https://www.sbfvg.com/event>

Book your tickets now, as headsets for the walk are limited. Disco kit can also be borrowed by our schools and community groups free of charge.

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## MOOD Mental Health and Wellbeing

Come  
Join!  
Us!

### Opening Hours

Tuesday 10:30 AM - 12:30 PM  
Wednesday 10:30 AM - 12:30 PM  
Thursday 10.30 AM - 3:00PM

MENTAL  
Health  
MATTERS

TO IMPROVE YOUR MOOD - COME ALONG AND PARTICIPATE





# Stoneyburn Community Centre



P1-P7

6pm-8pm

£1 entry fee

OUR LADYS PRIMARY SCHOOL  
NURSERY AREA

## Community Groups

Auld Yins Youth Club - The Hub

Chit Chat Group - Bowling Club

Card Class - The Hub

Craft and Chat - The Hub



## 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!

As of now you will see the current community centre has been caged off and is ready for the work to begin. It has been deemed as a building site so please be mindful if you need to use the car park as some of it has been closed off to allow for demolition and building to take place. We are still awaiting funding approval to know if we are getting the larger community space we have requested but hope to hear in the not too distant future.

## Youth Clubs

Monday Junior Youth Club P6-S2 - 6:30pm-8:30pm

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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# Stoneyburn and Bents Children's Galadaya

## Gala Day Pageant

Introducing Our 2026 Gala Queen!

We are delighted to announce that this year's Gala Queen will be CHLOE GILFETHER

Huge congratulations to Chloe-we know she'll reign with style, sparkle and confidence!

Although there were no submissions for the role of Gala King, we are certain Queen Chloe will do an amazing job reigning as our solo monarch!



**QUEEN**

**Chloe Gilfether**

### Gala Day Pageant Royal Court

Queen - Chloe Gilfether

Lady-in-Waiting - Cora Pacey

Queen's Guards - Tyler Savage & Devrim Okay

Ex Queen - Ruby Grant

Ex King - James Thomson

Bower Queen - Altea Dreshai

Bower Girl - Zara Curran

Bower Queen Bodyguard - Danny Davis

Flower Queen - Alana Pawlowska

Flower Girls:

Callie Macfarlane, Lexi Sieveuright, Rosie Whitelaw

Zara Doonan, Lina Karoma, Layla Sweeney

Flower Queen Bodyguard - Damien Carr

Rainbow Fairy Queen - Ruby Rose Sweeney

Rainbow Fairies:

Emma McLaughlin & Marigona Dreshaj

Rainbow Fairy Bodyguard - Jacob Moore

White Fairy Queen - Aleeyah Davis

White Fairies:

Daisy Rose Moore, Evie Grafton, Lacey Hardie, Frankie Wylie

White Fairy Bodyguard - Natan Siwbiak

Heralds:

Colton Tonner & Frankie Rennie

Crown Bearer - Teddy Walker

Sceptre Bearer - Muhammed Ali

Security:

Cian McFarlane & Bajram Dreshai

Characters:

Leo George, George Thomas, Thomas James Sieveuright, Mason Robert Weir, Walker Brown

## Gala Day Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> June

This year's theme is ...Through the Decades!!!

We cant wait to see the amazing costumes and creative ideas everyone brings to life- from roaring '20s glamour to funky '70s disco and beyond!



Pre-loved outfits available to help everyone join in the fun, we have a lovely selection of pre-loved dresses and kilts available free of charge or for a small donation, perfect for little stars who want to shine on stage!



## Next Issue June 2026



### 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](mailto:laura.sbfvg@gmail.com) or call the office at Stoneyburn Workshops.

### Keep Updated



[www.sbfvg.com](http://www.sbfvg.com)



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 - 1st Monday of the month-9:30-10:30

Makers & Menders - Last Monday of the month 10:00-12:00

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.

