

Our Community Connected



June 2025

Fulshie Fun Run

The Fulshie Fun Run took place on the 11th of May with some fantastic weather on the day once again. Runners from the village and surrounding areas took part - some even coming along from Glasgow!

Further pictures can be found inside and on our social media pages.

We are looking forward to next years 9th annual Fulshie Fun Run.



We Need You!

Please scan the QR and complete the survey. We would love to hear your views on our activities and your community.



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8th Annual Fulshie Fun Run

Our 5K was run by 138 runners, followed by our 2.5K run, even in the fantastic weather we had over the weekend. Robert McSherry kindly handed out our medals and trophies, of which we are very grateful. We are a small group of volunteers and would like to thank those who lent a hand on the day to set up, marshal, and tidy up afterwards (particularly our youth volunteers). We are always looking for additional volunteers (if this is you, please get in touch).

We are sure you will agree that the team at Armadale Shed did a fantastic job with the new look medals and trophies for 2025. As always, a huge thanks to Stoneyburn Junior Football Club for the use of their toilets during the event.

Thanks to all the runners who joined us this year, we hope to see you all again next year.

A huge thank you also needs to be given to The Woodland Trust who support our event each year. The Woodland Trust manage the Foulshiels Wood.

The Trust will be undertaking areas of forest management later in the year.

Additional pictures can be found on West Lothian News: thanks to Eddie once again for his support.



Thanks SBFVG



Our runners placed as follows:

Men 5K

1st – 17 Mark Ritchie
2nd – 58 Garry Symington
3rd – 82 Grzegorz Korsak

Ladies 5K

1st – 57 Lesley Redley
2nd – 42 Ashley Montgomery
3rd – 10 Lauren McCluskie

Special mention to Riley Peebles, who was fourth place in the men's 5K and is under 16

Men 2.5k

1st – 114 Finlay Greig
2nd – 115 James Greig
3rd – 98 Lewis Bogle

Ladies 2.5K

1st - 112 Olive Redley
2nd - 113 Charlotte Redley
3rd – 136 Esme Strickland

Ian Currie Memorial Shield

42 - Ashley Montgomery



Provost's Awards

Our trustee and volunteer, Sandy, was joined by his family and our trustee, John and his wife, at Linlithgow Burgh Hall for the first ever West Lothian Provost's Awards. The new scheme aims to recognise those who have contributed most to the local community over the past year, with nominations received for a number of individuals and voluntary groups who have made an outstanding contribution to community life in West Lothian.

Sandy was given the award for Individual Achievement, for his volunteer work within the community, for his outstanding contributions to community life in West Lothian including the work he does with SBFVG.

He was nominated by residents from the village and received the award from the Lord Provost herself.

He was delighted and says it's an award for the SBFVG as much as for himself. We are very proud of Sandy and the time he gives to our community and beyond, including volunteering on the Local Access Forum for West Lothian.



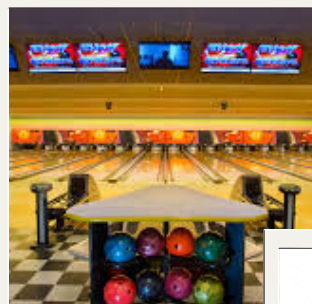
Elevate

Our **NEW** monthly youth group Elevate, enjoyed a meet and greet and evening playing the xbox, creating some crafts, and of course, enjoying a Domino's pizza.

The group provided lots of suggestions for future weeks including a bowling trip, and of course, we obliged.

The group attended Deer Park for a bowl and dine evening and we were not surprised at how competitive they were.

If you are aged 12-16 and would like to come along to the next session contact Laura.sbfvg@gmail.com.



Care for Carers

Our Carers Group has recently been treated to masterclasses in Charcuterie Board Making! What a fun and creative experience they had, plus the added bonus of taking the boards home to enjoy all the tasty food. The group has taken part in an 8-week block of Wellness and Holistic Therapies including head massage and enjoyed a trip to Remidy. They also recently enjoyed a day trip to Stirling for some shopping, food and fantastic live entertainment!

Our Carer for Carers group also showcased our recent art project in partnership with Arc.

Led by art tutors, Jean & Susan, the group's project centred around Mining in the community and included various types of art styles which were compiled into two Zines. The work by the group was then showcased in an art gallery in Edinburgh, with the group making the trip to the city to see their work on display.

Thank you to everyone in the community who took part in this project, special thanks to Chit Chat Group, Sandy Edgar, Sheb Singleton, Bill Haggerty, Wullie Black and Alex Hastie.

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





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?'. They have been litter picking with our community (SBFVG and West Lothian Litter Pickers), and will be sharing their contribution to the project at Whitburn Academy in June. We have enjoyed visiting the Community Larder in Stoneyburn and chatting with people in the community whilst we were there.

We have been lucky to have Mr Burton working with us on Thursday afternoons. He has been helping with a gardening project that some of our pupils are undertaking.

Upcoming Events

We are looking forward to our annual beach trip which is always fun whatever the weather.

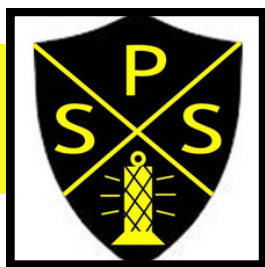
Our Health Week is coming up and this will consist of multi-sports and a focus on healthy foods.



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!



Stoneyburn Primary School

Upcoming Diary Dates

Monday 2nd June Health Week Begins
 Tuesday 3rd June Sports Day
 Tuesday 10th June Nursery/P1 Transition Meeting
 Wednesday 11th June-Friday 13th June P7 Transition to Whitburn Academy
 Thursday 19th June Community Litter Pick
 Wednesday 25th June P7 Leavers Assembly
 Friday 27th June End of Term

P7 Camp - Dalguise

Primary 7 recently enjoyed a fun-filled adventure at camp, and were lucky to have lovely weather during their stay. Everyone worked together to support, encourage and praise their friends during the activities.



Kids Gone Wild

The whole school has been having a ton of fun at Kids Gone Wild over the past few weeks. There has been the opportunity to explore the local woodland area and everyone has had lots of fun climbing trees, trying out slacklines and hammocks, and even some deer-spotting! Parents are invited to join their children on their 3rd session which we are really looking forward to!



Transition PEEP

Our nursery children that are starting P1 after the summer have been invited to come along to our transition PEEP sessions organised by Mrs Young. At their first session they were celebrating 'being writers' through lots of fun activities and songs.!



SBFVG

There were three sessions of the ever popular gaming bus (this was so popular we had to add more). The children could choose their favourite game to play and could team up with their friends. The children have requested the bus to come along again in the summer.

Inside the hub, lego building was available along with games on our new Xbox console, there were loads of budding architects in the building using their imagination and their creativity all whilst listening to music from the headsets. A silent disco featured at the end of the week with some very questionable singing!

The children enjoyed their fitness and sport sessions in the sunny weather. They walked around the Fulshie bing and finished at the park where they could play, have a drink of juice and enjoy some lovely fresh fruit.

There was also a trip to the Sky Academy during the Easter holidays. The children had the opportunity to produce their own movies in two different groups. Everyone had their job and parts to play (we have some very talented Amigos), and most importantly, they had a great time!

Pottery was another enjoyable activity for the children. They had a choice of designing a plate or mug with a lot of designs based around minecraft, Taylor Swift and some fantastic individual ideas! The items were then sent away to the kiln to be finished and sent back for the children to collect and use! The children have requested another pottery visit in the Summer too!



Summer at the Hub



Activities

Potter Around

Cool Creatures



UV Resin Workshops

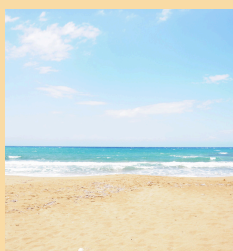
Fulshie Films



Fitness and Sport

Running weekly from 13.00-15.00

A variety of fitness and sports.



Trips

Glasgow Science Centre

Portobello Beach

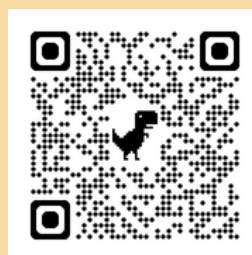
Edinburgh and The National Museum

Aberdour Beach and Castle

Dunfermline Abbey and Park



To book your slot
visit
sbfug.com/events
or scan the QR
code



**BOOK
NOW!**





Stoneyburn Community Centre

The management committee would like to thank the community for their ongoing continued support whilst the centre is closed.

Community Groups

Auld Yins Youth Club - The Hub
 Chit Chat Group - Bowling Club
 Crafty Ladies - Wee Croft
 Card Class - The Hub
 Craft and Chat - The Hub

Zumba - Stoneyburn Primary

Parent and Toddlers

Every Tuesday morning
 Breich Valley Parish Church

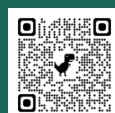
Youth Clubs

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).

We would like to thank those who attended our public meeting and are willing to support us in the decision making of the future of our community centre.

We have shared our most recent updates on the buildings and council proposal on our Facebook page and will keep the community informed as we know more and as decisions are made. Please get in touch if you have any questions or suggestions on the future of our community centre.





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.

Competitions

We have Bowling competitions every Sunday, our bowling calendar is available to view via the website or the Facebook page.

We are also hosting some exciting competitions this year, come and join us
 Scottish Ladies Final – June 15th
 County Ladies Final – August 9th



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 and Bents Children's Galadaye

Galadaye Practice Dates:

Wednesday 28th May

Wednesday 4th June

Wednesday 11th June

Wednesday 18th June

At our Lady's Primary School

Time 6pm-7pm

Gala Date

This year's gala will be held on Saturday
21st June and the theme is Musicals.

Crowning takes place at 11am at the Chapel
Park followed by procession at 12 noon.

KING
James Thomson



QUEEN
Ruby Grant



THEME

This year's
theme is...

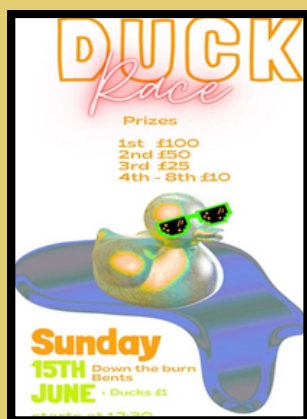
MUSICALS

Fancy dress entrants should
be at Chapel Park for
10:30am for judging.



CIVIC WEEK EVENTS

Ducks can be purchased from most outlets in the village. 7 item Galaday bags priced at £3 are available from One Stop and Edd's Post Office/U-Save and bingo tickets from the Facebook page.



ALL THE FUN OF THE FAIR

The funfair will be back this year and this time it's **BIGGER AND BETTER !!!**

This year we have been able to add one more of the larger thrill rides for the daredevils amongst you with quality kids rides and 5 inflatables for the smaller ones.

As usual the purchase of a Wristband gives unlimited use of all fun fair rides and inflatables from 1pm to 5pm. (Subject to height restrictions) Shows include: Freak Out, Twister Miami, Huge outdoor soft play centre and Twirling Cups.

Inflatables include: Beat the Goalie, Large inflatable slide, Superhero bouncy castle, Toy Story bouncy castle, Inflatable ball pit and mini slide.

Wristbands will be available from One Stop and Edd's Post Office/U-Save priced at £14 each. Also from committee members at gala practice and civic week events (payable cash or card). If purchased on the day wristbands will be £18 (cash or card).



Village Primary Schools and Nursery Support



We have continued the green thumb theme with our school and nursery partnerships with the Group donating a bug hotel, and an outdoor workbench, as part of our environmental project. The children were delighted - even in the dreich weather. We can't wait to see some of their creations when they next visit the Hub.



As we continue to support our schools with our Environmental Project, Stacey dropped off some garden equipment, including water butts to both our village schools. Over the next few months we will continue to support our schools with some new wooden posts for the village orchard at Our Lady's Primary, and additional planting equipment at Stoneyburn Primary School. Eric kindly popped along to see the progress of the orchard - Eric led the initial project and he was delighted to see the maturing of the orchard.



Our schools continue to support our Clean Up Stoneyburn and Bents Campaign by supporting our litter picking events. Further dates have been planned for the new school year, with the first taking place on the 16th of September.



First Aid Training

Our colleagues, Board members, and volunteers took part in a refresher first aid training course, which included vital defibrillator training. In a wonderful gesture of community spirit, our Board extended the opportunity to local groups, covering all costs to ensure the course was fully accessible.

We were delighted to be joined by volunteers from Stoneyburn Community Bowling Club and The MOOD Project. The session was fully funded by SBFVG, reinforcing our shared commitment to keeping our village safe, and ensuring more residents are equipped with essential life-saving skills.

Together, we're building a safer, stronger community!



Miners' Memorial

Our Miners' Memorial will be gaining a new addition in the coming months thanks to WLDT. It was noted our memorial lacked lighting, particularly in the winter months. Following a consultation with various activity groups, we felt a spotlight would not only help highlight the memorial, but make the entrance to the park safer too.



Community Gardening

The gardening team have begun work for the new plants to be planted in the planters. The team have started clearing away the weeds along the paths at the Miners' Memorial and will move on to the War Memorial next. We would like to thank Jean and Raymond who provide a lot of support to the team in this area.

If you would like to help the gardening team, contact Laura for more information. All equipment is provided.

Young at Heart

Our Young at Heart Group enjoyed an afternoon tea with great live entertainment from Billy Meredith. They danced away the afternoon in the company of friends whilst having fun.



Tom Purdie once again kindly hosted our recent Trip Down Memory Lane which was packed with photos, stories and fun facts. Who knew so many of our residents made trips to Wembley to watch Scotland play.

Our next trip down memory lane is in November!



Community Larder

Our Community Larder is **FREE** to join (a sign up sheet will need to be completed). The Larder is open on Tuesdays from 14.00- 17.30 and Thursdays from 11.00 - 13.00.

Anyone is welcome to join - families, individuals, young at heart, or people who are working, are welcome.

We stock a variety of fresh fruit and vegetables delivered weekly from a local supplier, as well as a selection of fresh meat, dairy, frozen and cupboard essentials at a reduced cost. Additionally, we offer a selection of toiletries with our hygiene packs, free book swap, free period products, and a selection of free food items through the neighbourly programme (subject to availability).

For further information email
jackie.sbfug@gmail.com





Blackpool Day Trip £25 per person

The bus will depart the Hub at 6.30am and will return at 8.30pm. Leaving you the day to explore Blackpool or perhaps a trip to Cleveleys on the tram.

Limited spaces are available.

Please note Seats will be allocated to ensure families and groups who book together can sit together.

Departure times will be provided on arrival in Blackpool. This trip is provided at cost and therefore the ticket prices cover the cost of the bus and driver. No income is made from this trip



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Portobello Day Trip – Young @ Heart

Day trip to Portobello beach for a wander along the beach and into town where there are lots of cafes to stop for tea and cake too.

7th July – Leaving at 9am from the Hub, returning at 3pm.
Tickets are free.





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.

The 2025-2027 home shirt



The 2025-2027 away shirt



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Walker Gas Services

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

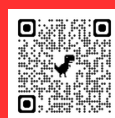
All Weather Pitch

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.



Stoneyburn Juniors Football Club, Beechwood Park, Strathyre Drive,
Stoneyburn, EH47 8AZ.
Stoneyburnfootballclub@gmail.com



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Joe Brady Testimonial Match

Joseph Brady
Testimonial match
**Stoneyburn FC vs
Hearts (B)**

Wednesday
The 2nd July
730pm



The Joe Brady Testimonial Match will take place on
Wednesday, 2nd July, Kick-off: 7:30 PM

Stoneyburn FC vs Heart of Midlothian B

Come along and support a true servant of the club
in a special evening of football!

Match entry Adults £7 Concessions £4 Kids Free

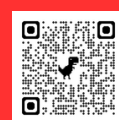
Steven Macmillan Memorial Weekend 2025

Steven Macmillan
MEMORIAL WEEKEND
19th/20th July



We're proud to announce this year's Steven
Macmillan Memorial Weekend will take place on
Saturday 19th & Sunday 20th July at Beechwood
Park, EH47 8AZ.

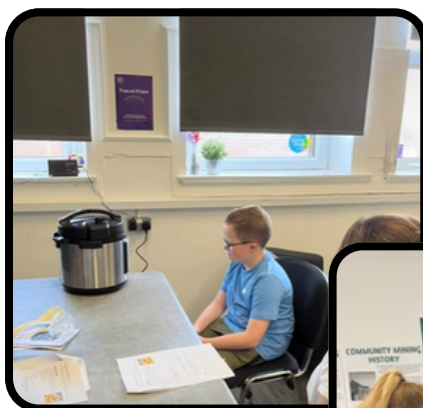
Join us as we come together to remember Steven,
celebrate his legacy, and enjoy a weekend full of
community spirit and togetherness. All are
welcome — let's make it one to remember. We will
be joined by Armadale Thistle, Blackburn United
and Harthill Royal CFC.



No Pressure Cooking for Families

Our families have been taking part in weekly cooking sessions to showcase how to cook simple healthy meals together, that can be created using a pressure cooker. Our adults have had just as much fun as the children and we are so proud of our young people who have challenged themselves and tried lots of new recipes.

Watch this space for additional courses later in the year.



FREE Tea and Tablets Course

Need to improve your confidence using your digital device? Why not come along and learn in an informal way at your own pace.

Minimum age 16+. The course will be run by a tutor from West Lothian Council's Adult Learning Team.

**Wednesday
10am - 11:30am
Unit 3 at the Hub**

**For more information on the course,
or to book a place please email
laura.sbfvg@gmail.com**





The Mood Project

MOOD continues to welcome anyone from West Lothian 18 years + who is feeling isolated, lonely, anxious or depressed to our wee hub next to Stoneyburn Juniors.

We have a number of prescriptive groups run on a Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. These include: jewellery making, circuit projects, knitting, sewing machine projects, well-being garden, "Shed Your Worries" and arts and crafts.

MOOD staff also support people 1:1 in the community who are experiencing mental health issues. We work in partnership with local community health and social care services. We provide a bespoke support around your physical and mental health needs.



Funding Updates

We recently received funding from Tormywheel through Fauldhouse CDT. This will allow us to take our well-being garden forward.

We have been very fortunate to join the Capital City Partnership scheme. We received a load of pallets that will allow our upcycle/recycle projects to go ahead. From this Balfour Beatty (who donated the pallets) has continued to support us with any surplus materials for our outdoor projects as well as wood for our pyrography designs.

MOOD has joined with The Bridge community Project to deliver spend smart, eat well courses. Please see attached flyer for more information. We will also have a money advice worker on a weekly basis that can be accessed by anyone.



At the moment MOOD is one of the charities in Tesco's blue token scheme. This puts MOOD in the running to receive a donation. Please do vote for us while you are in Tesco.

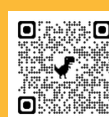


AGM

Our AGM will be held in June and it would be great to hear from you if you can join our Board of Trustees.

Are your skills in marketing, finance, funding applications, leadership, or is your skill that you work in mental health and want to make a difference at grassroot level.

MOOD has the lovely Jessica, the Active Campus Coordinator at West Lothian College coming along to provide some activities over a number of weeks to MOOD and the local Chit Chat group. These will include seated exercise, first aid and hand massages as well as other bits and bobs!



ECOMUSEUM OF SCOTTISH MINING LANDSCAPES

Scotland's first industrial eco museum celebrating and recording former mining landscapes from primarily across the Nation's central belt through an expanding series of community created cycling and walking routes.

We have been working with the team at the Eco Museum on a fantastic new project. Watch this space for more updates soon.



Scan to visit
the Museum



The Eco-museum of Scottish Mining

The Eco-museum of Scottish Mining Landscapes is Scotland's first industrial eco-museum and the largest in the UK. Unlike traditional museums, it exists virtually across a defined geographical area, featuring walking and cycling routes enriched by community-created content such as maps, images, oral histories, and artworks. Funded by the National Heritage Lottery Fund, it highlights mining landscapes from Ayrshire to Fife.

Stoneyburn plays a key role in the museum, with the village featured as a destination.

The Fulshie Bing Walk, its first intergenerational route, tells the story of Fulshie Colliery through landscape interpretation and includes a children's rock trail treasure hunt.



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SBFVG

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about your Community
Development Trust or
want to volunteer?

Scan the QR code.

See SBFVG's website
www.sbfvg.com
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Breich Valley Parish Church

Sunday Worship

10.15am and all are welcome

All Welcome



Contact Rev Craig

Tel: 01501 493666

Email: rcraig@churchofscotland.org.uk

Our Lady's RC Church



Sunday

09.00 am Adoration of the Blessed Eucharist

09.10 am Holy Rosary

09.20 am Confession

10.00 am Mass and Children's Liturgy

All Welcome



Contact

Tel: 01506 630343

Email: Ourladyoflourdesblackburn2019@gmail.com



Stoneyburn Life Centre

Sunday Services

10 am & 2:30 pm

Mid Week

Ladies Coffee mornings Wednesdays 10 am

Men's fellowship 1st Saturday of the month at 10am

All Welcome

Contact Pastor Lawson

Email: contact@lifecentrelivingston.com



What's on at the Hub?

Monday

Old Yins Youth Club - 13.00 - 15.00

Card Craft - 18.30 - 20.00

Tuesday

Warm Hub - 14.00 - 17.00

Larder - 14.00 - 17.00

Wednesday

Care for Carers - 10.00 - 12.00

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 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.

Blether Service

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.



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.sbfug@gmail.com or call the office at Stoneyburn Workshops.

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