Our Community Connected

September 2026

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Summer of Fun

Our Summer of Fun Programme has once again come to a close, and what a fantastic summer it has been!

It has been wonderful to see our community come together and make the most of the wide range of activities and opportunities on offer.

See page for further details.

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Summer at the Hub

Under 5

Amigos

ELEVATE
P7 to S4

Intergenerational

Our Summer of Fun 2026 programme has now come to an end for another year. As always, we will be taking your valuable feedback on board to help inform and shape our planning for next year's programme. This year, we were delighted to introduce a range of new initiatives designed to make the programme more inclusive and accessible to our community. These included events for under-5s, intergenerational activities, ASN/quiet sessions, and our new Elevate group, which provided an opportunity for some of our older Amigos to come together and take part in a special event.

We were thrilled to see so many creative and beautiful pieces being produced during our pottery event. More importantly, it was wonderful to see people of all ages coming together, sharing experiences, developing new skills and enjoying quality time as a community.

Our Amigos and Elevate groups also joined forces for an exciting day of kayaking and paddleboarding. This provided a fantastic opportunity for participants to try something new, build confidence, develop new skills and enjoy an outdoor adventure together.

Our ASN/quiet session offered a more relaxed and accessible environment, ensuring that everyone had the opportunity to participate in activities in a way that was comfortable and suited to their individual needs.

A huge thank you to everyone who participated in this year's programme, supported our events and helped make Summer of Fun 2026 such a success. Your enthusiasm, support and feedback are hugely appreciated.

We are already looking forward to taking what we have learned from this year and using it to help shape an even more exciting and inclusive programme for Summer of Fun 2027.

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Our Volunteers

A huge thank you to all of our dedicated volunteers who generously give their time throughout the year to support, plan and attend activities and events, as well as participate in training. Their commitment, enthusiasm and hard work play a vital role in ensuring that our young people have a fun, safe and memorable summer.

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Christmas at SBFVG

We have a fantastic variety of events and group activities planned throughout the festive season, and we are looking forward to bringing everyone together to enjoy the celebrations.

We are also delighted to welcome back our annual special visitors—Santa and his friends—for what promises to be another magical and memorable occasion for everyone in our community.

Santa Parade

This year's Santa Parade will take place on Sunday 13th of December.

Further details coming soon!

Young at Heart

Young at Heart Christmas Afternoon Tea
Monday, 21 December 2026

Join us for a festive afternoon of good company, delicious treats and Christmas cheer at our Young at Heart Christmas Afternoon Tea. Booking details will be available on our website, with further information advertised within the Hub and across our social media pages.
We look forward to celebrating the festive season with you.

Group Festive Events

Book Club
2nd December

Festive Fulshie Films
4th December

Elevate
9th December

Lunch Club
11th December

Men's Group
14th December

Seated Fitness
14th December

Care for Carers
December

Larder Winter Opening Times

Please note the opening times are now:

Tuesday 14:00-17:30
Thursday 10:30-13:30

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Design a Community

CHRISTMAS CARD COMPETITION

There are 2 categories for entry

P1 - P4

P5-S2

A winner will be chosen from each category to be used for the Community Christmas Card.

Both winners and 2 runners up will receive a gift to go under their tree.

Cards can be handed into the HUB by 5th October 2026.

The card needs to be A4 - folded in half.
The Child's name, age, and a contact number need to be included on the back of the card.

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Our first ever intergenerational evening Boogie Bingo was a great success and following the feedback we are holding a variety of activities.

During the October school holidays, we will be offering a variety of activities designed to bring people of all ages together, create new connections and, most importantly, have fun as a community, including a family quiz night with live music.

Remember to follow us on social media for the latest updates!

West Lothian Council

Stoneyburn and Bents Community Consultation 2026

Help West Lothian Council shape your community.

What are your priorities around themes including health and wellbeing and environment as part of updating Fauldhouse and the Breich Valley Locality Plan.

Intergenerational

Bring the whole family along for a fun-filled evening of quiz questions, laughs and a bit of friendly competition!

Prize for the winners and live music too.

Friday 23rd October
7:00pm-11:00pm
£2 per adult - £1 per child

Stoneyburn Masonic

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To book you place, scan the QR code.

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Young at Heart (50+)

Lunch Club

There's lots happening with our Young at Heart 50+ group! The group recently headed out to the Crofty in Whitburn for a lovely lunch with great company (the food was very good too). Everyone took home a mindfulness pack to help them relax a little further at home too.

After enjoying a lovely lunch together, the group decided they'd love to make it a regular get-together. So, our new Monthly Lunch Club will launch on Friday 16 October – good food, great company and plenty of chat guaranteed!

To book your space scan the QR code below;

Seated Fitness

Our seated fitness classes return once again from the 5th of October. The weekly sessions will take place from 1pm with a cup of tea available afterwards.

If you would like to join, scan the QR code.

Dance Style Fitness Class

A fun and energetic class suitable for all abilities. This group is all about moving and grooving in an easily adaptable way, seated options are always available. So come along if you would like to get more active, have some fun and most of all laugh!

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We are now on TikTok

We are excited to announce the launch of our TikTok account. Whilst we are still finding our feet with this new platform, we have already been busy creating and sharing videos showcasing our events and activities.
Scan the QR code below to see what we have been up to and keep up to date with our latest highlights.

TikTok

Scan to visit Tiktok

Care for Carers

Care for Carers – A Fantastic Summer!
Our Care for Carers group has had a fantastic summer filled with creativity, wellbeing and opportunities to connect with others. Highlights included making their own personalised tote bags, enjoying a trip to the Edinburgh Fringe, a breakfast and wellness walk in Linlithgow, and relaxing with an at-home meditation pack.

There's lots more to look forward to! The group meets every Wednesday from 10am–12noon, with a monthly evening session also available. We provide at-home wellbeing packs for anyone who is unable to attend in person.

If you are an unpaid carer or young carer, please get in touch to find out more about the group and how we can support you.

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

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The Social Hub (18+)

Looking for a welcoming, alcohol-free space to meet new people, have fun and try something different?

Our new monthly group for ages 18+ will bring people together for a mix of wellness cooking, fitness, crafts, movies, quizzes, games and plenty of fun and friendship.

Whether you come along to learn something new, enjoy an activity or simply have a blether, everyone is welcome!

Monthly sessions
Alcohol-free & welcoming
Fun, friendship & community

Drop In Session
Monday 5th October
6:30pm to 7:30pm
The Hub

Book Club

Our book club meets 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!

The Men's Group meet monthly to catch up over a cup of tea and a breakfast roll.

The group next meets (10am-12pm);
12th October
9th November
14th December

If you are over 50 and would like to get involved contact laura.sbfvg@gmail.com

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ELEVATE

Our Monthly group Elevate is for
P7 to S4.
We have been enjoying activities including,
kayaking, gaming, crafts and also
enjoying some pizza together.

Our next dates are:
30th September 6:30pm-8:30pm
28th October 6:30pm-8:30pm
25th November 6:30pm-8:30pm
9th December 6:30pm-8:30pm

If you would like to come
along to the next session
please contact
Laura.sbfvg@gmail.com

Elevate @ Summer of Fun

Our Elevate group were delighted to welcome our Amigos for an exciting day of kayaking and paddleboarding. We had a fantastic time on the water, and the sunshine certainly helped to make it an even more enjoyable experience! The group thoroughly enjoyed the day and are already looking forward to returning for another adventure. In fact, planning is already underway for our next outing!

At our most recent meeting, the group took part in a variety of team games, with plenty of laughter and friendly competition along the way. It was a great opportunity to work together, build confidence and, most importantly, have fun. One thing is certain—group leader Carla may need to book herself in for a little extra support with her drawing technique!

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Connect Outdoors Project

Programme

Week 1 - Stoneyburn to East Whitburn, 6.1km.
Week 2 - Arthur's Seat, 7.7km.
Week 3 - The Pentlands, 11.7km.
Week 4 - Dalmeny Estate, 10.5km.
Week 5 - Dunkeld, 13.2km.
Week 6 - Fife Costal Path, 17.3km.

The Connect Outdoors Programme has come to an end for the moment, although it certainly hasn't marked the end of the group's adventures! The group have already begun planning their next walk.

Throughout the programme, the group have challenged themselves to tackle increasingly longer distances, while experiencing all that the great Scottish weather had to offer! Along the way, the Connect Outdoors team have shared their expertise and supported the group in developing a valuable range of practical skills and knowledge.

The group have gained experience in navigation, conservation, equipment maintenance, staying safe in extreme weather conditions, and, finally, taking part in an expedition. It may not have been quite the type of expedition Sandy is accustomed to, but he thoroughly enjoyed the experience too!

It has been fantastic to see the group's confidence, resilience and enthusiasm develop throughout the programme. We are incredibly proud of what they have achieved and look forward to hearing about their next adventure!

What's next?

Re-Connect Hike - 24th April
Connect Outdoors Summit in March 2027

Want to Get Involved?

Contact
laura.sbfvg@gmail.com

Connect Outdoors is made possible with The National Lottery Heritage Fund. Thanks to National Lottery players, we promote inclusion and responsible engagement with wild places in Scotland.

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Stoneyburn Community Centre

Youth Club

Thursday Club - P3-P7 - 6-8pm

The youth club are running in the youth hub at Our Lady's primary (old nursery area)

Parent & Toddlers

Every Tuesday morning
Breich Valley Parish Church

Dance with Lynn

Classes run every Friday of term time from 1:30pm-2:30pm in Our Lady's Primary School

Community Groups

Auld yins youth club - running in the Hub
Chit Chat Group - running in the Bowling Club
Card Class - running in the Hub
Craft & Chat - running in the Hub

Our new build project is underway.... Currently the old building is being demolished and we should hope to see the building fully demolished and removed by November for work to begin on the new build by March/April time next year. Once the new build has started we hope to have a completion date by April 2028. Keep an eye on our social media for more updates and to have your say in the future of our new building.

If you are looking to start a new group or volunteer with us get in touch below to see how we can help!

Stoneyburn Community Centre Management Committee
stoneyburncentre@gmail.com

Stoneyburn Community Bowling Club

BAR OPENING TIMES

FRIDAY	18:00 – 00:00

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FRIDAY	18:00 – 00:00
SATURDAY	12:00 – 00:00
SUNDAY	12:00 – 20:00

UPCOMING EVENTS

WHY JOIN STONEYBURN BOWLING CLUB?

- Meet new friends in a welcoming community
- Enjoy regular social events and entertainment nights
- Keep active with a fun sport suitable for all ages
- Access to club facilities and member events
- Learn to bowl with support from experienced members
- Be part of a growing local club

No experience needed – everyone is welcome!

HALL HIRE AVAILABLE

PARTIES | CELEBRATIONS | ENTERTAINMENT | EVENTS

Stoneyburn Community Bowling Club
39 Main Street, Stoneyburn, EH47 8AU
Tel: 01501 228182
http://stoneyburnbowlingclub.co.uk

Stoneyburn Juniors

THE FULSHIE | CLUB NEWS

There is plenty happening at Stoneyburn FC, both on and off the pitch, as The Fulshie continue their season in the East of Scotland Football League Second Division North West.
The club play their home matches at Beechwood Park, Stoneyburn, EH47 8AZ, and everyone at Stoneyburn FC would love to see more supporters from the village and surrounding areas coming along and getting behind the team.

A STRONG START ON THE PITCH

The Fulshie currently sit 3rd in the league table after eight matches.
With four wins, two draws and two defeats, Stoneyburn have also been entertaining in front of goal, finding the net an impressive 24 times in their opening eight league fixtures.

There is still plenty of football to come, and supporters can keep up to date with all upcoming fixtures through EOSFL.com.

You can also follow Stoneyburn FC on Facebook and X @TheFulshie for match information, results, club news and everything happening around Beechwood Park

STONEYBURN FC PIN BADGES

Another addition for Fulshie supporters is the Stoneyburn FC pin badge.
The badges are available to purchase at Beechwood Park for £3.
For supporters who live further away, badges can also be posted throughout the UK for £3 plus postage and packaging.
They are a great little piece of Fulshie memorabilia and another way to show your support for the club.

Stoneyburn Juniors Football Club, Beechwood Park, Strathyre Drive, Stoneyburn, EH47 8AZ.

Stoneyburnfootballclub@gmail.com

WEAR THE BLACK & WHITE

Supporters can also show their colours by getting their hands on a Stoneyburn FC home or away shirt. Adult shirts are available for £29.99, while children's shirts cost £24.99.
Sizes range from age 4 right through to adult 4XL, meaning Fulshie supporters young and old can represent the club.
Shirts can be ordered online at:
https://clubshop.appinsports.com/stoneyburn-fc

GET INVOLVED WITH THE FULSHIE

Stoneyburn FC is about much more than the 90 minutes on a Saturday. As a proud community club, we rely on the support and involvement of local people to help the club continue to grow and thrive.
There are many ways to support Stoneyburn FC, whether that means coming along to a match, purchasing a club shirt or pin badge, hiring the all-weather pitch, following us on social media, or volunteering your time behind the scenes.

The club is always keen to hear from anyone who would like to become a volunteer or committee member. Whether you can offer a small amount of your time or would like to take on a more active role within the club, your contribution can make a real difference.

With the team performing strongly near the top end of the table and goals continuing to flow on the pitch, there is plenty to look forward to at Beechwood Park. We would love for more members of our local community to get involved and be part of the journey.

Support your local club. Get involved. Be part of the Fulshie.

ALL-WEATHER PITCH HIRE

Looking for somewhere to train, play football or hire a pitch?
The all-weather pitch at Beechwood Park is available for hire.
For information on availability and bookings, contact the club at:
Stoneyburnfootballclub@gmail.com
It is another way Beechwood Park can be used by teams, groups and members of the local community.

Stoneyburn Primary School
and Nursery Class

School and Nursery Update

We are delighted to welcome all pupils, families and staff to a new school year filled with learning, achievement and exciting opportunities. We look forward to working together to ensure every child enjoys a happy, successful and inspiring year ahead.

A Great Start

The school year has begun positively, with pupils returning full of enthusiasm and ready to learn. We are especially pleased to welcome our new Primary 1 pupils, along with several new pupils and staff members who have already become valued members of our school community.

Nursery News

We are delighted to welcome many new nursery children who are settling in wonderfully. Staff have been busy creating engaging play-based learning experiences and the children are already enjoying exciting opportunities to explore, learn and make new friends.

Levenseat Recycling Project

Our whole school will once again participate in the annual Levenseat Recycling Project. This year's focus is on recycling, sustainability and responsible citizenship. Pupils will take part in engaging activities and parents will have the opportunity to view class showcases celebrating their learning.

Stoneyburn Primary Parent Council

Please follow the Stoneyburn Primary Parent Council Facebook page for updates, meeting dates and information about upcoming events. Your support and involvement help strengthen our school community.

P.T.A NEEDS YOU!

Parents and carers are encouraged to get involved, share ideas and support school initiatives throughout the year. Whether helping at events, contributing suggestions or joining fundraising activities, your involvement makes a positive difference to our school community.

After School Clubs

Football and netball clubs will begin shortly, providing pupils with opportunities to develop skills, teamwork and confidence. Additional clubs and activities will be introduced throughout the year, offering something for everyone to enjoy.

UNCRC & SHANARRI

Classes have completed a two-week project focused on children's rights, wellbeing and positive relationships. Pupils worked together to create class charters, helping to build respectful, inclusive and nurturing learning environments.

Our Lady's RC Primary School

Health Week

We had a wonderful Health Week. Children were able to participate in a multi-sport day- trying out new sports and developing their skills in some old favourites. During our outdoor learning the children particularly enjoyed toasting marshmallows on the fire, building tents and then of course playing in them!

Annual Beach Trip

We had another fantastic whole school trip to the beach at the end of June. It was a fantastic way to finish our 2025-2026 session. The children enjoyed playing in the water, eating ice-cream and building relationships with each other. We were delighted our new P1 children from Nursery were able to join us for the day with their families!

Outdoor Classroom Update

Our Primary 1-4 teachers have been working hard on building upon the great work Sandy and John did in our Outdoor Classroom. They have added resources to this area to make it a fun and engaging place for our children to learn. As you can see they are thoroughly enjoying using it.

Upcoming Dates

23rd of September – Whole School Mass 10am Our Lady's Church, Stoneyburn
9th of September- Cross Country Event for Primary 7
9th of September- 5.30 at Our Lady's Primary School Parent Council Meeting all Parents/Carers Welcome
16th of September – Primary 5 Learn to Swim Session
21st September – School Holiday
25th September – Dress Down Day
8th October - Whole School Mass 10am Our Lady's Church, Stoneyburn
12th October- NHS Flu Immunisation Vaccinations
14th of October – Parents Night with Community Visitors
16th of October – Food Bank Friday- Donations to be given to 'The Larder' in Stoneyburn
17th of October- 26th October Holiday
27th October – Pupils Resume

West Lothian Council

Improvements in the:
Fauldhouse and the Breich Valley Ward

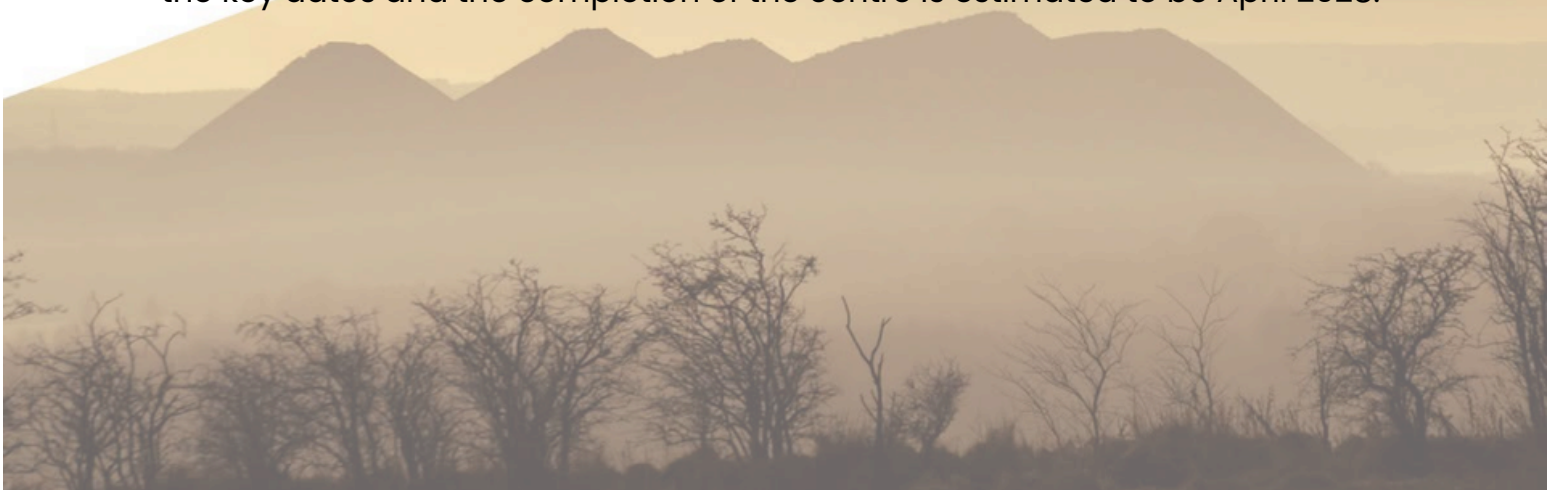
An update on the new Stoneyburn Community Education Centre, Main Street, Stoneyburn has been published.
West Lothian Council is investing over £3.1 million in the project and the council has been successful in securing a further £1.2million from the external Regeneration Capital Grant Fund (RCGF) – bringing the total budget to over £4.3million.

Stoneyburn Community Education Centre was one of nine properties in the council's operational estate that was identified as containing Reinforced Aerated Autoclaved Concrete (RAAC). Due to the condition of the RAAC and following a structural engineer's inspection, the building was closed in January 2024.

The funding has enabled design work to be initiated on the more extensive new build option. The contract to demolish the existing community centre building was awarded in March 2026, with asbestos surveys and asbestos removal taking place in advance and the demolition contractor commencing works on site in April 2026. Demolition and site clearance works at the site are ongoing.

The full design team has been appointed for the new build option, with a concept design in place and design development moving through the various key stages in line with the project programme and plan of work.

It is vital to have the contract awarded prior to the end of March 2027 in order to satisfy the terms and conditions of the external grant funding. Officers are currently on track to meet all the key dates and the completion of the centre is estimated to be April 2028.



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

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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.

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?

Weekly

Monday - Seated fitness - 1pm - 3pm
Tuesday - Community Larder - 2pm - 5:30pm
Wednesday - Care for Carers - 10am - 12noon
Thursday - Community Larder - 10:30am - 1:30pm

Fortnightly

Monday - Makers & Menders Craft Group - 10am - 12noon
Thursday - Access2Employment and CAB 10am - 12noon

Monthly

Second Monday of each month - Men's Group - 9:30am -10.30am
First Wednesday of each month - Book club - 7pm - 8pm
Last Wednesday of each month - Elevate - 6:30pm - 8:30pm
3rd Wednesday of each month - Care for Carers Travelling Table 6:30pm - 8:30pm

**Weekly Blether Service - contact for further information

Additonal 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.

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