



Summer Newsletter

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TREASURERS UPDATE 2015

As in earlier years, the finances of the COA are healthy, mainly due to sensible budgeting and a dependable source of fees from most (96%) of our owners. We have paid £400 for a Tree Report which is in line with our Tree Policy (see the COA website for details) and £500 on tree maintenance as expected. The maintenance of the estate which includes grass cutting, now includes a few additional pieces of work identified during our annual inspection walk. Some extra shrubs will be planted later this year to fill a few gaps. The one big change in spending this year has been the renovation of the path through our woodland (Area 7) - see map of estate on COA website. Last year saw a successful drainage repair in the middle section of the path and final work has now been completed to resurface the entire length of the path to bring it up to a high standard.

Alan Graham—Treasurer

Notification of Carnbee Owners Association AGM Monday 14 September 2015

We're pleased to confirm that the Carnbee Owners Association (COA) Annual General Meeting (AGM) will be held on Monday 14 September 2015 at 7pm in Gracemount High School, Lasswade Road. We encourage all residents to attend the AGM as this is your opportunity to pass on your thoughts to your committee.

If you're unable to attend the AGM you can still delegate someone to vote on any resolutions on your behalf by completing the enclosed proxy form. Please note there is also a proxy form available on our website if you would prefer to email it to us. Returning a completed proxy form also helps towards achieving a quorum for the AGM. The committee is here to serve your collective interests so we encourage each of you to attend the AGM or submit a completed proxy form.

If you would like to propose any items for the AGM agenda, these must be submitted in writing to Cath Crosbie, 29 Carnbee Park, no later than 1 September 2015 for consideration. The proposed agenda is on the back page and the final agenda will be published on the COA website by 4 September 2015.

In accordance with the constitution, your current committee will retire at the AGM and an election will be held to reappoint a new committee. Some of the current committee have served for a number of years and we would encourage all members to consider joining the committee. New committee members bring a fresh outlook and new ideas, both of which are needed to maintain the momentum achieved in the last 6 years.

We look forward to welcoming you along to our meeting on Monday 14 September 2015 at 7pm.



Meet your local Community Policing Team

South Edinburgh Community Policing Team is based at Howdenhall and St. Leonards Police Stations. Inspector Euan Smith is in charge of local policing in the Gilmerton/ Liberton Ward (Howdenhall), whilst Inspector Graeme Nisbet looks after Southside/ Newington & Meadows/ Morningside Wards (St.

Leonards). We have 5 teams consisting of an average of 5 officers per team. Their remit is not only to respond to ongoing emergency calls but also deal with local issues such as anti-social behaviour, neighbour disputes and repeat victims of crime such as vandalism and housebreaking.

Our officers staff the South area diary car (Managed Call Appointment System), a new approach under Police Scotland, which provides members of the public the opportunity to speak to a police officer at a time convenient to them, with the certainty that Police will attend. Appointments are available between 0800 – 2100 hours daily, 7 days a week and officers will deal with all non-emergency matters.

Following recent changes to the council ward boundaries Police Scotland now have nominated Community Officers for each ward. Carnbee is represented by Rebecca Wilson and Craig Cairns based at Howdenhall Police Station. These officers, subject to operational commitments, will attend all community council and residents meetings within their ward and provide reports on local issues as well as take ownership of ongoing concerns.

Police Scotland takes every opportunity to promote crime prevention measures, particularly in regards to home security. Following the recent spate of housebreakings in the South Edinburgh area, South CPT held a seminar at Mayfield Salisbury church which some Carnbee residents attended. Inspector Graeme Nisbet outlined the efforts being made under Operation RAC to disrupt, deter and detect housebreakings in the area whilst Constable Steve McGill provided practical advice on security

measures that you can take to protect your home. If you have any queries regarding home or personal security then please get in touch with me at the email address below. If you would like a home security survey carried out I can also arrange this through our preventions and interventions department.

I am pleased to report that the recent upsurge in housebreaking has reduced significantly and that numerous arrests have been made, resulting in custodial sentences for those involved. Inevitably these criminals are being released back into the community and therefore Operation RAC's dedicated patrols will continue round the clock in order to reduce the opportunities for break-ins to occur. You can play your part by remembering to lock your doors and windows at night or when you go out and keep your vehicle keys well hidden when not in use. If you have an intruder alarm then use it. Remain vigilant to any suspicious activity at or near your homes and report it to the Police.

PS E3562 Andy Kerr

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Have you considered joining the Carnbee Owners Association Committee ?

The success of the Carnbee Owners Association is mainly down to the volunteers who have served on the committee during the past 6 years, without these volunteers we would not have been able to improve and maintain the estate to it's current high standard. These volunteers have given their time, ideas and enthusiasm wholeheartedly. If you think you have something to contribute to our committee you are most welcome to join, we are currently in need of a Vice Chairperson and general committee members.

Meetings are held roughly every 6 weeks at the Northfield House Hotel, in between we correspond through email and an online discussion board.

If you would like to volunteer to join the committee please either email us at contact@carnbee.org or come along to our AGM on Monday 14 September 2015 at 7pm.

AGM 2015 Agenda



- **Welcome & Apologies**
- **Minutes of the last AGM**
(held 22 September 2014)
- **Matters Arising from the Minutes**
- **Chairperson's Report**
- **Treasurer's Report**
- **Committee Elections**
- **Owner Proposed Items for Discussion**
(*Only items submitted in writing by 1 September 2015, in accordance with Constitution*)
- **Closing Remarks**

Committee and Contact Details

Who are the Committee Members ?

John Pendlebury (Chair)

Paul Valente (Deputy Chair)

Alan Graham (Treasurer)

Cath Crosbie (Secretary)

Eleanor Grieve (Committee member)

Elaine Reid (Committee member)

John Shepherd (Committee member)

John Whitchelo (Committee member)

Where can I find the most up-to-date information relating to the COA ?

You can find us on the web at www.carnbee.org

How do I contact the COA ?



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