

LONGNIDDRY NEWSLETTER

March 2023

Issue 2

Welcome to the 2nd edition of the Longniddry Newsletter! We were delighted to gain such positive feedback from the first edition and have a number of people added to a mailing list. You should also be able to pick up a copy in the Co-op, Community Centre, Church, Tennis, Golf and Bowling clubs. We are very grateful for the support from Hargreaves Land who have funded hard copies of this second edition and thanks to the staff from Longniddry Community Centre for delivering newsletters to Blindwells residents. It's great to see some new group articles in this edition; Girl Guides, Changes, East Lothian Foodbank, National Trust for Scotland Members Club, SOLE, Inner Wheel, Bridge Club and Scotland's Garden Scheme.

I am sure we are all happy to experience the lighter days and see the spring bulbs which are appearing throughout the village and particularly Longniddry in Bloom's hard work around the shops in the village. With spring and summer approaching there are a number of events happening which are included in this issue; whether it's the Gala Easter Trail 31st March, Easter Service at the Church, Open Day at the Tennis Club on 23rd April, Gala Quiz Night 28th April, Communities Day at Longniddry Community Centre on 29th April or Longniddry Gala on 17th June, there is plenty for all ages and families to get involved with.

There is an update on Blindwells in this issue and Emma was on site with Hargreaves in March along with Housing Colleagues to walk around the development and in



The crocuses in the village, photo taken by Marilyn from Community Council

particular discuss plans for a trim trail and playpark which will be coming in the Autumn. The first work should also have begun on site for the Primary school by the time you are reading this edition.

We are planning another newsletter in Autumn/Winter so if there are any organisations who would like to submit content please contact connect-psg@eastlothian.gov.uk.

We will be at a number of the community events over the spring/summer period including the Communities Day and Gala, so hope to catch some of you then!

Ruth Davie
Chair, Area Partnership

Emma Brown
Connected Communities Manager PSG



Places for People

Zero C

With its superb range of two, three and four-bedroom homes combining desirable period building features with the latest conveniences and modern country styling, it's easy to see why people are keen to make Longniddry Village their home.

More than just a housing development, Longniddry Village aims to be an integral part of the local community, helping to make the village even more sustainable and attractive to future generations.

At Places for People, we put our customers first and we want to make sure their experience with us is easy and effortless.



Longniddry Village



Two of our recent customers Peter and Jean have shared how our supportive team made their house move so much easier.

“Moving house at our age is quite a big upheaval, especially as our physical health isn't what it once was. However, Fraser Stangoe and his team have helped to make sure our move went as smoothly and stress free as possible. For example, he kept the road at the front of our new house as mud free as he could so access to and from the house is easier.

We both really appreciated his efficiency and kindness and describe him as our knight in shining armour.

We're now happily settled in our new home and love our garden which is starting to look brilliant. We want to thank Fraser and his team for all of their support, we don't know what we would have done without them.”



Hargreaves Land - Blindwells

Hargreaves Land are continuing to make significant progress in the delivery of the sustainable New Town at Blindwells.

There are now 119 homes occupied on site, comprising a mix of Cruden, Bellway and Persimmon houses. Ogilvie Homes are also making good progress and have now got their first plots up for sale.



Hargreaves Land are currently working on the design of two new play areas for the first phase of homes at the Blindwells development. Planning applications for these play areas will be submitted soon and they will be ready for use later this year.



Working with P1 Contractors, we have recently planted 19,000 trees at Blindwells as part of an initial phase of work to create eye-catching natural landscape which will be enjoyed by local people and visitors for decades to come.

Species have been carefully selected for their

relevance to the surrounding area and will be predominantly native with a small number of ornamental trees.



The initiative is part of a masterplan to deliver a robust, beautifully natural-looking site-wide infrastructure, focused around biodiversity and wellbeing – woodland belts, screen planting, tree lined avenues and wildflower meadows create a robust, green network of spaces and the perfect backdrop for development plots to nestle into.



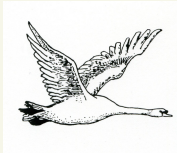
Tranent Housing Team

If you have recently moved into an ELC managed property in Blindwells your housing team contacts are:

Tranent area
35 Winton Place, Tranent, East Lothian.

01620 827827
tranentarea@eastlothian.gov.uk

Drop in/ coffee morning at The George Johnstone Centre on Wednesday 29th March between 10.am-12.pm



Longniddry Community Council

Longniddry Community Council members are volunteers who care about their community and want to make it a better place to live. We

represent Longniddry, Seton Mains and currently the new residents at Blindwells.

In December we organized the switch-on of the Longniddry Christmas lights, followed by a reception in the beautifully-decorated Community Centre enjoyed by around 160 villagers. Although this was a free event, donations received enabled us to contribute £80 to Longniddry Church and £80 to the Community Centre for their work to help people in financial difficulties this winter.

Now that the restrictions of COVID are over, we have representatives of the Gala Committee and Longniddry Church coming along to our meetings with the aim to work together to support and grow our village events. We are delighted to have welcomed a new resident from the Longniddry South development to join us, and we'd love to welcome more residents to get involved. We will be supporting the Communities Day on 29th April at the Community Centre to promote all the activities and groups our village has to offer.

The Community Council is often contacted with concerns about traffic issues. In particular parking on the double yellow lines outside the Co-op on Links Rd and the Village Shop near the station. The parking restrictions are there to make these crossing points safer for us all and we urge everyone to respect them.

Electric scooters have also brought complaints and we remind everyone that the police will confiscate any which are seen being used on our roads and pavements illegally.

Finally, on a positive note we have been very pleased that the resurfacing of Kings Avenue has now been completed by ELC after much lobbying about the recurring potholes.

Full details of our monthly meetings and Minutes are posted on the noticeboard at Longniddry Post Office and we can be contacted at longniddrycommunitycouncil@gmail.com

Longniddry Gala

Longniddry Gala is run by a volunteer committee and hosts a week of community events in the summer for residents to enjoy and socialise. This year Gala Day will be on Saturday 17 June and has the theme A Walk on the Wild Side! There will be a full week of events including Dog Show and Family Treasure hunt among others and every household will receive a programme with all the details closer to the time. For updates and information please follow the Gala Facebook page

Our next 2 events will be to help raise money for the Gala and will be an Easter Trail on 31st March at Longniddry Community Centre and a Quiz Night on 28th April at the Scout Hall. We would love to see everyone there!

We meet on Thursdays monthly in Longniddry Legion if anyone would like to join please contact: longniddrygala@gmail.com



Longniddry Bowling Club

A fun & friendly club that welcomes new members & spectators. There are weekly league games & club competitions. Coaching available

Bowling season is April - September. Club is open throughout the year for social activities

Hat games on Saturdays 2pm start & Mondays 6.30pm start.

Forthcoming events include Try Bowls Days (starting May) and Gala Week Family Bowling Days

For more information contact
secretary@longniddrybowlingclub.com
or visit <https://longniddrybowlingclub.com>
@LongniddryBC on twitter and Longniddry Bowling Club on Facebook

Address 7a Seton Road, Longniddry, EH32 0LD

East Lothian Food Bank

Open Monday to Friday, 10:00am to 2:00pm at 3 Civic Square, Tranent, East Lothian, EH33 1LH. East Lothian Foodbank provides a 3-4 day supply of groceries and fresh fruit and vegetables. Open to all on a referral basis.

Works with referral partners across the county including Citizens Advice, East Lothian Council services, NHS services and local charities. For more information call or whatsapp on 07516 510 617 or email info@eastlothian.foodbank.org.uk

DO YOU OR SOMEONE YOU KNOW NEED OUR HELP?

It's easy to access our support



Prefer to chat?
Call us on 07516 510 617



Prefer text or whatsapp?
No problem, it's the same number
07516 510 617



Prefer to write? Email us on
info@eastlothian.foodbank.org.uk



LONGNIDDRY PLAYGROUP

SCOTTISH CHARITY NO: SC014022 SSPA MEMBER 0049

SPACES AVAILABLE AFTER EASTER AND SUMMER

Longniddry Playgroup welcomes applications from the age of 1 for children to attend our Preschool Playgroup from the age of 2. We are open Monday to Friday 9:20am to 11:50am.

Contact admissionslp@gmail.com for more information or visit our website to find our Application Form and Prospectus.

www.longniddryplaygroup.wordpress.com
Find us on Facebook

Longniddry Playgroup

We are accepting applications for children to attend a minimum of 2 days per week from when they turn 2 years old and still have some spaces available starting after Easter and Summer this year. We also welcome new committee members who could attend regular meetings to support the running of our village playgroup. Could you offer your expertise with fundraising or managing finances? Or, maybe you have previous experience of an education setting? If so please get in touch via longniddryplaygroup@gmail.com.



Longniddry Tennis Club

Longniddry Tennis club is a friendly club - 'Open for All' with 2 floodlit courts and a lovely pavilion. It offers great value yearly membership and also a pay and play option - full details can be found at <https://clubspark.lta.org.uk/longniddrytennis>. There is also a comprehensive junior and adult coaching programme run by Euan Cameron - <https://clubspark.lta.org.uk/EuanCameronTennis>. The club is running an Open day on Sunday 23rd April - 2pm - 4pm - family session and 4pm - 6pm adults. Please do come along.



Longniddry and District Rotary

At Longniddry Rotary we feel it is important to have interesting and relevant meetings. In recent weeks we have had, as visiting speakers:

Duncan Collinson, the Rotary District President for South East Scotland. We then had a most illuminating talk from Stuart Crawford on 'The evolution of tank warfare from the 1980's to Ukraine today'. Derek Easton, on the 'Art of Drumming'

Coming up over the next two months we have

6/4/23 Kyryol Yengyevsky speaking on 'The Ukraine, a personal view'.

20/4/23 Campbell Chatham on "Blood Bikes"

Rotary is not just about a meal and listening and learning from good speakers, over the past few months we have been out raising funds for charity.

We are pleased to report that over £2000 was raised from our 'Angel Tree appeal', where vouchers and gifts went to less fortunate children in our communities.

On the 19th of February we collected donations from customers outside the Co-ops in Longniddry and Port Seton. An incredible £1075 was raised for victims of the Turkish and Syrian earthquake disaster. Rotary were able to add a further £600 to this total and £1675 was sent to SHELTERBOX, a charity on the ground in the disaster area.

We also carried out our monthly 'Beach Clean' at car park 3. Such a worthwhile exercise.

Every year our Rotary promotes a Young Musician competition and we are pleased to report that as the competition reaches the final of the East of Scotland Area, we have a Preston Lodge pupil taking part. We even found time for a night out at the Festival Theatre to see 'An Inspector Calls' a very good production of the play.

If you would like to find out more about our rotary club then please come along to Longniddry Inn on the 1st and 3rd Thursdays of the month at 7pm.

Our Rotary looks after our three communities, Longniddry, Prestonpans and Port Seton.

We look forward to being involved with the development of Blindwells. Visitors are always welcome to come and find out more about our local Club. We would be delighted to see you. Come and discover how we enjoy ourselves while trying to give something back to our community.

Why not visit our Facebook page or web site?

<https://www.rotaryribi.org/clubs/homepage.php?ClubID=100>



NTS East Lothian Members Centre

The East Lothian Members Centre supports NTS properties within our area. Our members enjoy illustrated talks over the winter months and visits over the summer period to gardens, houses and other places of interest.

If you are a member of the National Trust for Scotland (or England) please consider joining ELMC or come along to one of our meetings and have a chat.

For further information please contact our secretary Margaret Russell:
magr8@outlook.com or 01875 853370



Inner Wheel

I would like to introduce you to Inner Wheel which is one of the largest women's organisations in the world.

Your local group, although named IW Tranent, meet monthly in the Longniddry Inn. The evening starts with a meal followed by a speaker. As a member of Tranent Inner Wheel, not only can you make new friends but you will also be helping to support good causes within your own local community. Please come for a visit and see for yourself, you will be made very welcome.

Inner Wheel ladies enjoy being involved in exciting and fun projects, which inspire a sense of satisfaction and work on a range of initiatives that can be truly life changing, but above all we make long and lasting friendships.

If you would like more information, please contact Margaret Tait: mgttait@aol.com



Longniddry Church Guild Programme
Venue - Longniddry Church

The Guild is an organisation for women and men within the Church of Scotland, With the motto of "Whose we are and Whom we serve". There are about 15,000 members, making the Guild one of Scotland's largest voluntary organisations. Every year a different theme is decided. This year it is "wee seeds, big trees". 6 smaller charities both at home and abroad are selected, all Guilds contributing over this period, a total of over £500,000 being raised over the last 3 year period. Fundraising by each group is usually done after a talk by the chosen charity.

19th April - The Bellany Centre - David Ferrier - He will give a presentation with slides on the work of the John Bellany Centre at Port Seton.

A.G.M

17th May - Heritage Centre Prestonpans, followed by meal

We meet on the 3rd Wednesday of each month at 7.15pm. All are welcome.

Longniddry Church
Easter Services

Longniddry (and Gladsmuir) churches have several services over the week leading up to Easter (Holy Week). If you would like to join us they are:

2nd April

9.45am: Longniddry Palm Sunday service

11am: Gladsmuir Palm Sunday service

6.30pm: Gladsmuir "Sing at 6.30" service (with singer-songwriter Bruce Davies on "The Road to Easter")

6th April

7pm: Longniddry Maundy Thursday Communion

7th April

11am: Gladsmuir Good Friday Reflection

9th April

8am: Longniddry Outdoor Communion

9.45am: Longniddry Easter Celebration

11am: Gladsmuir Easter Celebration

We hope everyone will find something they enjoy or appreciate. We would love you to come to share this special time with one another in our lovely Church.

Wednesday Club meets in Longniddry Church Hall, usually between 2.30-4pm on Wednesday afternoons, and is for senior citizens. There is always lively conversation, varied entertainment, and a cup of tea to round off. Whether you would like to join the group as an attendee or helper/volunteer, you can be sure of a very warm welcome and a fun-filled afternoon. Please do come along.

Contact Janet Anderson on 07766574123 or janetflanderson@btinternet.com for more information regarding times of meetings, which may occasionally vary.



NEW AGE



KURLING

CURLING, WITHOUT THE ICE!

Tuesdays, 2-4pm

Longniddry Church (Room 3)

Free of charge

- Social fun - exercise mind and body while meeting new people
- All ages and levels of physical ability most welcome (no experience needed)
- Come along any week - turn up and play!

Longniddry Church
8 Elcho Road, EH32 0LB

Longniddry Parish Church (Church of Scotland); SC016556

If you would like to know more about us, check out our website at www.longniddrychurch.org.uk or contact the Minister, Robin Hill, at rhill@churchofscotland.org.uk or on 01875 853195 or the Session Clerk, Abigail Morrison, at abimor1808@gmail.com or 01875 853467.

Longniddry Community Centre

Welcome to Longniddry Community Centre

Programme (Jan - Mar 2023)

Suitable for: 🧒 Toddlers, 🧒 Primary, 🧒 Secondary, 🧑 Family & Friends, 🧓 Over 50's, 🧑 Adults

All classes/ sessions must be booked in advance by contacting Longniddry CC ✉: longniddrycc@eastlothian.gov.uk or ☎: 01875 852933 or as stated.

MONDAY

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Ladies Badminton
New members
welcome
9:00am – 10:00am

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Babies & Toddlers
10:30am – 12:30pm

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Social Table Tennis
All levels welcome
1:30pm – 3:00pm

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Youth Club
P1 – P3
3:30pm – 5:00pm

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Gymnastics
Beginners
5:30pm – 6:30pm

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P7 Drop In
(Longniddry Primary only)
7pm – 8:30pm

TUESDAY

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Ladies Badminton
New members
welcome
9:00am – 10:00am

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Gentle Exercise to
Music
10:30am – 11:30am

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Social Drop In
1:30pm – 3:00pm

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Junior Table Tennis
P5+
3:30pm – 4:30pm

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Picasso Club with
Terez
3:30pm – 4:30pm
To book contact
teca.szilvia@gmail.com

WEDNESDAY

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Babies & Toddlers
9:00am – 11:00am

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Zumba Gold
11:30am – 12:15pm
Bookings via Ruth
Hunter Pepper ☎
07785 707683 or ✉
figaroroo@yahoo.co.uk
or Website:
rhunterpepper.zumba.com

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NEW Indoor Bowls
All levels welcome
1:00pm – 3:00pm

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NEW Games Club
All welcome
3pm – 6pm

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Papercrafting Club S1+
4:00pm – 5:30pm

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Vinyasa Flow Yoga
6:00pm – 7:00pm
Bookings via Amanda
mandyjayne3@hotmail.com

THURSDAY

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Social Table Tennis
All levels welcome
09:30am – 11pm

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U3A Craft Group
1:00pm – 3:00pm

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Longniddry Walkers &
Talkers
Leader led walks
(SHORT WALK ONLY)
1:30pm start

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Youth Club
P4 – P7
3:30pm – 5:00pm

FRIDAY

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Body Conditioning
9:15am – 10:15am

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Toddler Football
Age 2- 5 years
10:45am – 11:30am

Opening Times

	Morning	Afternoon/Evening
Monday	9am – 12noon	12noon – 3:30pm (3:30pm – 5pm Youth Club Only) 5pm – 8:45pm (7pm – 8:30pm P7's only)
Tuesday	9am – 12noon	12noon – 5pm
Wednesday	9am – 12noon	12noon – 8.45pm
Thursday	9am – 12noon	12noon – 5pm (3:30pm – 5pm Youth Club Only)
Friday	9am – 11.45am	CLOSED
Saturday	CLOSED	CLOSED
Sunday	CLOSED	CLOSED

Please Note: (The times above are the current hours of opening. These may be subject to change without notice, especially during school holidays).

The Community Centre is available for hire (times by arrangement) please contact the centre for further details

Café Opening Times

Monday	9am – 3pm / 5:30pm – 7pm
Tuesday	9am – 4:30pm
Wednesday	9am – 8:30pm
Thursday	9am – 3pm
Friday	9am – 11:30am
Saturday	CLOSED
Sunday	CLOSED

These times may be subject to change without notice

News & Forthcoming Events

- Pantry available
- February Holiday Club 13th – 16th Feb
- Easter Holiday Club 3rd– 6th/10th – 13th Apr

There are drop in emergency fuel payments available (for Longniddry residents only) ask staff at reception for more details.

Drop in pantry available during opening hours

LONGNIDDRY COMMUNITY CENTRE
PRESENTS
Longniddry GAMES CLUB
WEDNESDAYS
3PM-6PM
AT LONGNIDDRY COMMUNITY CENTRE

JOIN US FOR
A WIDE VARIETY OF
GAMES!
ALL AGES WELCOME!

FUN GAMES TO PLAY FOR ALL AGES

CHESS - MONOPOLY - CHECKERS - TRIVIAL PURSUIT - JENGA - & MORE!

FOR ANY MORE INFORMATION CALL (01875) 852933

JOIN US FOR Connected Communities Open Day

Saturday 29th April 2023 10am-2pm
at Longniddry Community Centre



Come along & try new activities, meet new people & find out what's happening in your local area!

For more information contact 01875 852933
or longniddrycc@eastlothian.gov.uk

Longniddry Library

The library has an Easter Craft Session for primary age children on Wednesday 5th April 3pm-4pm, there will be lots of craft activities available for children to make.

Local Councillors Brooke Ritchie and Colin Yorkston have surgeries in the Library on the second Monday of each month between 5pm-6pm. Any local resident can just come along to speak with the councillors.

Changes is a mental health and wellbeing charity that provides free, non-judgemental and confidential support to over 16s living, or registered with a GP, in East Lothian. To access support you can self-refer.

Changes offers one-to-one support, peer support groups, wellbeing activities, mental health training and volunteering opportunities.

Our programme of wellbeing activities is based on the preferences and interests of the community and is subject to change. Locations vary across East Lothian and start dates occur throughout the year.

To access support please complete the form on our website: www.ChangesEastLothian.org or contact Changes on: 0131 653 3977 or info@ChangesEastLothian.org

You will receive a warm and friendly welcome and we will work together to find the support that is right for you.

Our peer support groups include: Understanding and Managing Anxiety Course, Men's Peer Support Group (Musselburgh location), Build Your Self-Esteem Course (various locations), Compassion Focused Therapy Group (various locations)

The upcoming nature-based wellbeing activities include Seabird Watching Group, which we are running in collaboration with the Scottish Seabird Centre; Women in Nature Group, My Sketchy Menopause Session, Nordic Walking and Cycling (beginners and intermediate groups in Prestonpans)

- **Seabird Watching Group**
Port Seton/Cockenzie - Cockenzie Memorial Garden (the meeting point is behind Cockenzie House),
March 22, 1:30pm
Prestonpans - the meeting point next to the totem pole opposite the Gothenburg, March 29, 1:30pm
- **Women in Nature Group**
Starts Tuesday 28th March, 6:00pm - 7:30pm
for 6 weeks, Musselburgh
- **My Sketchy Menopause Session**
Wednesday 29th March, Musselburgh



Connected Communities & Changes are working in partnership to offer Understanding and Managing Anxiety Course for PSG at Prestonpans Group Practice

This will be a free of charge course.

Understanding and Managing Anxiety (5 weeks)

Starting Tuesday 18th April 2023 at 3:30 – 5:30pm
Prestonpans Group Practice

Reduce feelings of anxiety by developing an understanding and awareness of its origins. You will be introduced to tools and techniques to help manage feelings of anxiety and can try these out within a friendly and supportive group. This course is based on Cognitive Behavioural Therapy (CBT).



To register for a place please contact connect-psg@eastlothian.gov.uk or enquire at Prestonpans Group Practice reception

Preston Seton Gosford
Area Partnership

Preston Seton Gosford Area Partnership

PSG AP will open its £50,000 general fund for applications from community organisations on 27th March until 21st April. Applications should address inequalities and meet with the priorities of the Area Plan. If you are interested in applying please contact: psg-ap@eastlothian.gov.uk to discuss your application and get an application form.

We will hold our Annual Public Meeting on 10th May at 7pm at Prestonpans Community Centre, to which all members of the public are invited to find out about our work over the last year and to vote to support applications received.



Longniddry Bridge Club

The Longniddry Bridge Club meet on **Monday nights at 6.45pm** (for a 7pm start) in **The Church Hall, 19 Elcho Road, Longniddry EH32 0LB** and online every Tuesday throughout the year.

The club is currently looking for new members and welcomes anyone who would like to come to play or learn bridge. If you would like to learn how to play please contact us for friendly informal individual tuition.

The season runs from the beginning of September to the end of April. Lessons are available during the Summer months.

For more information contact Kate on 01875 852425 or kateborgman@aol.com

Longniddry Open Gardens

I am grateful for the opportunity through the Longniddry Newsletter to promote Scotland's Gardens Scheme (SGS). As many readers may know already, villages, towns and individuals throughout Scotland open their gardens every year for a small entry fee. Information about such openings is available in the "Yellow Book" or on the SGS website (scotlandsgardens.org).

The SGS has been in existence since 1931, the aim "to raise money for charity by encouraging, promoting and supporting garden openings, whilst making the whole experience inspiring, rewarding and enjoyable for all involved."

This has been a very successful venture for Longniddry Open Gardens. I helped organise the event in 2017 and again in 2021 (delayed a year because of Covid) where nearly £3000 was raised both times for a number of charities in just one sunny Sunday afternoon. The next planned open date is **Sunday June 23rd, 2024 i.e. Next year!**

Gardening has taken off in recent years especially during lockdowns and its benefits in improving both physical and mental health and wellbeing has been firmly established. An Open Day is an opportunity to showcase a set of beautiful gardens, provide inspiration and further encourage gardening generally. There is time to speak personally to the gardeners and glean new ideas for visitors' own gardens. A visit to gardens can be a day of great enjoyment for all concerned and I cannot recommend it highly enough. In addition, it is great to see so many visitors come into the village and provide support for the community. The gardeners make them welcome and on previous openings we have a plant stall where locally grown plants known to thrive here can be bought and afternoon teas available when weary legs need a rest.

I have liaised with previous garden "openers" about preparing and opening their gardens again next year and think most of them will be on board, including my own. However, I am always on the lookout for

"new" gardens where owners are willing to open. I would be delighted for interested gardeners to become involved. I am happy to provide as much information that potential gardeners may require. I know next summer seems a long way off but getting a garden going with an opening in mind can take a wee bit of planning!

Readers may be interested to know that there is a fantastic garden called "A Blackbird Sings" which opens regularly in Longniddry under the auspices of the SGS. Please visit!

I can be contacted by email:
sue.lessels@googlemail.com

Probus

Probus is a convivial club for retired persons with an interest in serious, thought-provoking talks and discussion with like-minded persons. The Club meets at 10am at the Longniddry Inn on the second and fourth Tuesdays of the month from October till April.

The Club is open to men and women. You may attend individual meetings as a guest or apply to join as a member. Please contact the Secretary, Gordon McInnes, at gmcinnes2010@yahoo.com for more information.

Meeting Programme (March and April 2023)

28/03/23 - Ed Taylor - Wemyss and March Estate - Designing Longniddry Village

11/04/23 - Prof Penny Fielding - Grierson Professor of English Literature, University of Edinburgh - Where go the boats? Robert Louis Stevenson at home and abroad

The Longniddry Village Directory

The Longniddry Village Directory has been brought up to date and will be distributed to every house in the village by the end of March. Copies will be available from the Church and Library

Girlguiding Longniddry

Girlguiding Longniddry provides unique opportunities for girls and women aged 5 upwards. We have thriving Rainbow (age 5-7) Brownie (age 7-10) and Guide (age 10-14) units meeting every Wednesday evening and a hugely popular Ranger unit (age 14 -18) meeting on Monday nights. Due to high demand on these units we may operate a waiting list at times but please let us know if you are keen to join.

We have opportunities available for anyone wishing to volunteer with any of the units, a great way to meet new people and learn new skills and you can commit as much or as little time as you want.

If you wish to register interest for a young person or an adult volunteer just google 'Girlguiding Join Us' and complete the online form. If you are looking for any other information please drop an email to eastlothianlongniddrydc@gmail.com and we will try our best to answer any questions you may have.



Sole

East Lothian has become the first area in Scotland to deploy an innovative platform designed to invigorate and stimulate the county's local economy through a web site and downloadable mobile app, described as a 'single point of discovery' for all that East Lothian offers. In just over six months, 3000 local people have downloaded the free app and hundreds of businesses have added themselves to it.

SOLE – Supporting Our Local Economy is a community platform created by the Scottish Tech Army (STA) that is supported by the UK Government's UK Community Renewal Fund and East Lothian Council and will inject further impetus to help East Lothian's post pandemic business recovery.

Available as a downloadable mobile app or via a web-enabled platform, SOLE is designed to empower all East Lothian residents to 'think, act and shop local'. The app has been created and designed as a single digital point of

discovery that allows people across the county to access local shops and other services such as booking activities or events, find a local service, join a group, go on a walking trail with friends, right across East Lothian.

Whether you are a business or someone who wants to make the most of the area they live in, SOLE is an incredibly powerful resource to have on your mobile device."



John Bellany Day Centre

The Day Centre's objective has been the maintenance and improvement of the quality of life for older people who live independently in and around Port Seton and Longniddry. The Day Centre is the hub of the elderly community - it gives people a place to make new friends and keep in touch with old ones. Our activities help people learn new skills and hobbies, rediscover old ones, build confidence and have FUN. We also ensure that each service user has a nutritious meal.

Outreach Support

John Bellany Day Centre have now expanded their services and provide Outreach Support to our older population in Cockenzie, Port Seton, Blindwells and Longniddry.

We are conscious that not all our older population have family, carer or neighbour support and may need others to assist them with shopping, making personal appointments, travelling or being supported on a social outing. Family and carers can be provided with support for a loved one when they are in need of some respite. Our sitter service is a useful option to alleviate some of the stress of constant care. All of these and more may be items that you face daily. Please tell us if we can help in any of these ways.

A fee is not charged at this time for our Outreach Support Service.

Contact us by telephone: 01875 815886
or on our website: johnbellanydaycentre.org.uk

Warm spaces with friendly faces

Longniddry Library

Opening Hours:

- Monday 10:00am to 1:00pm and 2:00pm to 6:00pm
- Tuesday, Wednesday, and Friday 10:00am to 1:00pm and 2:00pm to 5:00pm
- Saturday 10:00am to 1:00pm

- Monday 2-4pm Craft Group

- Tuesday 11 – 1pm Knit & Natter

- Tuesday 2-4pm Art Group

- Wednesday 11 – 1pm Knit & Natter

- Drop in anytime for Jigsaw, Sudoku & adult colour-in

Longniddry Parish Church

- Monday - Film Club (Nov to March) 1.45pm for 2pm showing followed by tea and coffee - free
- Wednesday Club (weekly) 2.30-4pm - activities, tea, coffee, chat for senior citizens, all welcome - Contact Janet Anderson - janetflanderson@btinternet or 07766574123 or just come along.
- Sporting Memories Group every Thursday morning, 10.30am to 12pm, Tea/Coffee and biscuits are provided free of charge & anyone is welcome.

Pennypit Development Trust

- drop-in emergency fuel payments
- drop-in pantry - Tuesday to Thursday 11am to 1pm

Longniddry Community Centre

Cafe Opening Hours

- Mon - 9.00am - 3pm and 5.30 - 7.00pm
- Tues - 9.00am - 4.30pm
- Wed - 9.00am - 8.30pm
- Thurs - 9.00am - 3pm
- Fri - 9.00am - 11.30am

- Tuesday – Walkers and Talkers (long walk) 1pm - suggested donation 50p

- Tuesday – Social Drop in – 1.30-3.00pm suggested donation 50p

- Thursday- Walkers and Talkers (short walk) 1.30pm - suggested donation 50p

- Soup and a Roll on Tuesdays 12pm - 1.30pm (this will finish at the end of March)

Useful Information

Citizens Advice Scotland 0800 028 1456 or www.cas.org.uk
East Lothian Council Financial Inclusion 01620 827 827 or financialinclusion@eastlothian.gov.uk
East Lothian Energy Advice 0131 555 4010 or www.changeworks.org.uk
Energy Saving Trust 0808 808 2282
Home Energy Scotland 0808 808 22382 www.homeenergyscotland.org
Turn2us www.turn2us.org.uk

Fire Safety Advice

Always be careful when using alternative appliances to heat your homes, or save on your electricity bills;

- Washing Machines and Tumble Dryers should not be left on overnight

- Don't leave candles unattended; why not use LED lights or torches?

- Using gas camping stoves or gas heaters inside is not advised, as it can be a risk for fire, explosion or carbon monoxide poisoning

The Fire Service can carry out Home Visits to provide advice on 0800 0731 999 or text FIRE to 80800

Calendar of Events

- 22nd March Seabird watching Port Seton
- 28th March Probus speaker Ed Taylor
- 28th March Women in Nature Group
- 29th March My sketchy menopause session
- 29th March Seabird watching Prestonpans
- 31st March - Gala Easter Trail
- 2nd April Palm Sunday Service at Longniddry and Gladsmuir
- 5th April Easter Craft session at Library 3-4pm
- 6th April Longniddry Maundy Thursday at 7pm
- 6th April Rotary speaker Kyrol Yengyeysky
- 7th April Gladsmuir Good Friday Reflection
- 9th April Outdoor Communion at Longniddry 8am, Easter Celebration at Longniddry (9.45am) and Gladsmuir (11am)
- 11th April Probus speaker Prof Penny Fielding
- 18th April Understanding & Managing Anxiety
- 19th April David Ferrier at Longniddry Church
- 20th April Rotary speaker Campbell Chatham
- 23rd April Open Day at Tennis Club
- 28th April Gala Quiz
- 29th April Communities Day
- 10th May at 7pm PSG Area Partnership Annual Public meeting
- 17th May Longniddry Church Guild AGM
- 17th June Longniddry Gala