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Robroyston Reporter

Robroyston Community Council – Working for the Community

Briarcroft, Brookfield, Campsie Meadows, Glendale, Orchard Park, Wallacewell Park, Wallacefield

Welcome To Our First Edition

Welcome to the first edition of your Community Council's newsletter. We'd like to tell you about the kinds of things we were involved in last year and give you an idea of the topics we hope to progress over the coming months.

Of course, you might have your own ideas about what we should be doing and we'd love to hear from you. Our meetings are open to the public or you can use our website to send us emails (www.robroystoncommunitycouncil.org.uk). If you prefer paper and pen you can write to us. The contact details are shown on the back page.

Fun For All The Family



The Community Council has now established an annual Clean Up and Fun day. The latest one was held on Saturday 6th June. In and around Wallacewell Primary School there were inflatables, kids rides, computer games, beat the goalie and lots of cake and candy. Local Firefighters and Police attended the event and members of the William Wallace Society entertained people with stories of the braveheart hero, who was captured in Robroyston.

Our local Asda and Homebase stores kindly acted as sponsors. Fantastic practical support was also received from Robroyston Girls Brigade. This is the 3rd year that Robroyston Community Council has organised the popular event, which included a clean-up of the neighbourhood earlier in the day with residents from each estate showing a pride in their community by collecting bags full of rubbish. The area looked much better in preparation for summer.

We also organised a quiz night and disco last winter which was won by "the glam girls" who included hospice volunteers and Stirling nurses, who generously donated their prize money to Marie Curie Big Build Appeal. We are grateful to all the local businesses who have supported our events.

From the Fun Days and the Quiz night the Community Council has now donated over £2500 to the Big Build appeal for our local hospice.

Much More Than A School



Wallacewell School is more than a new primary. It also contains a nursery and provides opportunities for after school activities which can be of interest to the whole community.

There is a floodlit artificial pitch which is hired out to local teams and clubs but there is also free time on Thursday and Friday evenings for local youngsters to turn up and have a casual kickabout. There are also free coaching sessions with SFA qualified coaches.

Indoors, on various nights and Saturday mornings there are classes for gymnastics, dance—for children from teens to adults, Karate, Tae Kwon Do, Girl Guides and more.

The Community Council has recognized the role the school can play in our area by donating 2 prizes for citizenship.

The nearby St. Catherine's primary also hosts activities for young people including Beavers, Cubs and Scouts.

Fit For Heroes



One of the most notable features of Robroyston is our connection to one of Scotland's greatest heroes, William Wallace. To mark the place where he was betrayed, captured and handed over for eventual execution there is the Wallace memorial and the Wallace Well. Unfortunately, the surroundings of both the Well and the Cross don't do justice to his memory or make it easy to visit. We have support in principle from the City Council, Glasgow Greenspace and the Wallace Society to improve parking, make proper footpaths and create a wildflower meadow. There is a snag, however, in that the land needed appears to be owned jointly by all the householders in the Wallacefield estate. Permission would be needed from each individual owner before any works could be done. These and other potential obstacles are currently being investigated. We don't know yet how they might be overcome but we're determined to give William Wallace the respect his memory deserves and to improve our own surroundings.



Robroyston church is a family of different types of people over a range of ages who are interested in truth and lasting satisfaction. We mainly meet on a Sunday morning at 11am at 34 Saughs drive, Glendale, but we meet at various times during the week too. Men, women and children are very welcome, and the service is informal. There is a crèche most Sundays and older children have their own service next door.

The following events are associated with our church and new comers are welcome at all:

Boys Brigade. Meets Friday evenings for boys aged 5-8 (Anchors 6.30-7.15pm); 8-11 (Juniors 7.30-8.30pm). Sports, fun & badgework.

Girls Brigade. Monday evenings from 7-8.30pm. For girls from p4-p7 for fun, games, learning about Jesus & lots of other great things...

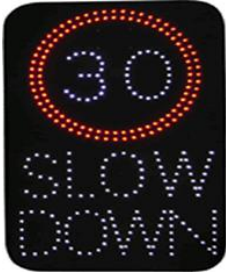
Adults Bible study. Friday 7-9.00pm. 16 Glenbuck Drive, Robroyston, G33 1LZ. No prior knowledge necessary!

Bigger Picture. Meets 1st & 3rd Sunday evenings @ 7pm in the church building for informal discussion and review of a recently released film, book or song. Coffee and cake provided.

Gems. Thursdays 6-7.30pm. For girls from P1-P3 providing a range of activities, fun, games & crafts.

Remember too this year's **CHRISTMAS FAYRE** – a great chance to do Christmas shopping - on **Saturday 28th November** at the church building on Saughs Drive.

Heed Your Speed



In response to comments from residents, the Community Council is trying to secure road safety and traffic management improvements in our area. Why? Well, you may be aware that the dual carriageway between ASDA and the Glendale roundabout has a speed limit of 30mph. The pedestrian lights and the speed warning sign keep us informed of this limit, but what about other roads in the area?

Some drivers are unaware of their speed until they come across a speed camera **or** a police radar gun, only then taking time to look at their dashboard and find that in keeping up with the flow of traffic they are driving at 38mph. To come to a stop at that speed you will travel almost 10 car lengths and that's only if you are alert and aware of the imminent danger.

The 30mph limit exists all the way from the M80/J2 to Auchinairn Road at the East Dunbartonshire Boundary and also from the M80/J2 all the way to Royston Road. Most drivers don't speed knowingly, they just don't realise how fast they are travelling. Please think about how your speed affects other drivers and pedestrians in Robroyston. Think about this – if the road was a 40mph limit, would drivers still go that wee bit faster? The M80 50mph limit suggests they would.

30mph only feels slow when others are driving too fast!

OPRA Hits The High Notes



Like many of the estates in our area the maintenance of common ground in Orchard Park is the legal responsibility of the 215 householders. Over time, the arrangements for collecting the annual fee and getting the work done had lapsed with the result that play areas and open spaces were an untidy mess.

Thanks to the initiative and hard work of local residents Jim Knight and David Stewart a new Orchard Park Residents Association (OPRA) was set up in 2008, fees are being collected, work is being done and the estate is looking better than it has done for years. OPRA is now also in the final stages of negotiations with the City Council to provide new railings at the children's play areas.

Residents working together can make a difference!

What's a Community Council?

Robroyston Community Council was formed in September 2005 and grew out of residents associations in local estates. Community Councils are statutory bodies and are the most local level of democracy. There are over 1100 in Scotland. The City Council must consult us on planning applications affecting our area and we have a role in communicating the views of our communities to the public authorities who affect our lives. We have close relations with our local MSP, City councillors

and community police officers who usually attend our meetings.

Members of the Community Council are elected. Our Chair is Ian McGhee and our Secretary is Carole Phillip. Meetings are open to the public and you are very welcome to attend. They are held in Wallacewell Primary School, usually on the first Thursday of the month (except January and August). See our website (address below) for details or write to our secretary, Carole Phillip, c/o Robroyston Church, 34 Saughs Drive, Glasgow G33 1HG; email to sec.robroyston05@btinternet.com.

Useful Numbers

Paul Martin MSP	0141 564 1364
Local Councillors (Baillie Gerry Leonard and Cllr. Grant Thoms) at Glasgow City Council (main switchboard)	0141 287 2000
Environmental Protection (Cleansing)	0141 287 9000
Bulk Uplift	0141 287 9000
Roads & Lighting Faults (RALF)	0800 373 635
Graffiti Hotline	0800 027 7027
Community Police	0141 532 4101

For a full list of numbers covering transport, health and local amenities and lots more see our website at www.robroystoncommunitycouncil.org.uk