



# Community Council NEWS

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## Coronavirus Update on Testing

NHS Dumfries and Galloway are rolling out Coronavirus testing for everyone across the region. Please click on the link [here](#) to find out more about this service, follow the onscreen options and find out where the nearest testing site to you is located. Source up-to-date and accurate information about what is happening in the region in relation to the Coronavirus on the NHS website [here](#) If you have no Covid symptoms it's easy to get your free twice-weekly rapid Covid test. It's easy to use and results are confirmed within 30 minutes.

- **Order** online for home delivery at [gov.uk/order-coronavirus-rapid-lateral-flow-tests](http://gov.uk/order-coronavirus-rapid-lateral-flow-tests)
- **Order** by phone for home delivery on 119. Lines are open 7am to 11pm and calls are free.
- **Collect** from a local pharmacy. Check [nhsdg.co.uk/testing](http://nhsdg.co.uk/testing) for participating pharmacies
- **Collect** from test centre and collection point. Check [nhsdg.co.uk/testing](http://nhsdg.co.uk/testing) for a location near you

## #Support D&G

Go onto the website to find out all the latest news in connection with Covid 19 [here](#)

## Online Consultation with the Scottish Parliament

Share your views with the Scottish Parliament to help shape the work carried out by committees in the new parliamentary session. We want to hear about

your priorities for Scotland. Tell us the issues you feel the Scottish Parliament's committees should focus on between 2021 and 2026. Click [here](#) to find out more and take part in the online consultation.

What matters to you?



Tell us your priorities

## Community Council Meetings

**A number of Community Councils** have taken the decision to meet remotely and are using various ways to ensure that the public are being given access to these remote meetings through the use of virtual platforms. Further information and guidance on the various methods of hosting virtual meetings can be found here. Due to the recent spike in Coronavirus cases in our region, please ensure you are familiar with the latest government guidelines. Access the #Support D&G webpages [here](#)





FOR TIPS VISIT  
CLEARYOURHEAD.SCOT

## Health Advice [#clearyourhead](#)

The Scottish Government's #ClearYourHead Campaign was launched during the Coronavirus pandemic to support people to look after their mental health and provides practical tips on the things we can all do to make us feel better.

As restrictions ease, the campaign focuses on encouraging people to keep up any good habits they have developed to help them cope. As well as tips and ideas, the campaign website [#clearyourhead](#) signposts to various helplines for those who might need to talk to someone.

## Funding Opportunities Now Open for Applications

### Funding from Area Committees

Our Council has allocated a Discretionary Budget to each of the four Area Committees to support their Priority Areas for 2021/2022. During May 2021, the four Area Committees met and agreed priorities for their area and allocated the Discretionary Budget to key civic and community initiatives. Full details for each Area can be found on the Expression of Interest form, along with deadline dates for submission.

### Expression of Interest Forms

If you wish to express an interest in any of the allocations, please complete the appropriate Expression of Interest form below for your respective area and return to us at [GrantApplications@dumgal.gov.uk](mailto:GrantApplications@dumgal.gov.uk) by the stated deadline.

- ▶ [Annandale and Eskdale \[DOCX - 104.65KB\]](#)
- ▶ [Nithsdale \[DOCX - 104.03KB\]](#)
- ▶ [Stewartry \[DOCX - 107.39KB\]](#)
- ▶ [Wigtown \[DOCX - 111.33KB\]](#)

If you have queries in relation to any aspect of Area Committee funding, please contact [grantapplications@dumgal.gov.uk](mailto:grantapplications@dumgal.gov.uk) or call our Communities Business Management Team on 030 33 33 3000.

## Casual Vacancy Elections

**Annandale and Eskdale** - Moffat and District and Gretna and Rigg Community Councils are busy with forthcoming casual vacancy elections which will boost the membership for both Community Councils. Interested in holding a casual vacancy election? Section 7 of the scheme covers the process and procedure. Check out the details [here](#)

## Young Peoples Voices

Summer Programme 2021 is now underway across the region. View the varied timetable on the recently launched Dumfries and Galloway Youthwork website [here](#)

The website is packed with information on a wide variety of topics including Youth Democracy. Many young people across the region have the opportunity to get involved in both local and national decision making through the Regional Youth Council. Part of that engagement could be with Community Councils, as many Community Councils have stated the need for young people to be represented at local level. Find out more about Youth Democracy in Dumfries and Galloway [here](#)



paths  
for all

FOR A HAPPIER,  
HEALTHIER SCOTLAND



Smarter Choices,  
Smarter Places

Supporting Sustainable Travel

**OPEN FUND**

The Smarter Choices, Smarter Places (SCSP) Open Fund aims to encourage people to change their behaviours to walk or cycle as part of their everyday short journeys. The Smarter Choices, Smarter Places (SCSP) Open Fund aims to encourage people to change their everyday travel behaviours. Grants are available to encourage people to use buses and community car clubs for longer journeys; walking and cycling for short journeys, and home-working to replace daily commutes.

Grants available are between £5000 and £50,000 and need to be match funded. Click on the Paths for All website [here](#) and go into the resources section, open fund for more information, application forms and view the exiting projects already undertaken across Scotland.



**THIRD SECTOR**  
Dumfries and Galloway

## Funding Opportunities

Enhanced support is available to third sector organisations from Third Sector Dumfries & Galloway which has set up local monthly roadshows across the region and recruited a dedicated Funding Officer and four Engagement Officers. To find out more information click [here](#)



## ROYAL BRITISH LEGION



2021/22 marks an important year for our Armed Forces with the 100th Anniversary of The Royal British Legion Scotland (Legion Scotland).

In recognition of this, Members of the Communities Committee agreed at their meeting of 6 April 2021, Dumfries and Galloway's contribution to the Centenary included a project to provide funding to community groups to

improve their War Memorial and have a Dumfries and Galloway Competition. Applications are invited for all War Memorials in our region and one entry for each will be considered. Further information on the competition including how to apply can be found [here](#) Competition entry forms must be submitted by **12 noon on Monday 26 July 2021**

### Dumfries and Galloway War Memorial Improvement Programme - Grant Support

A small grant between £50 and £200 (depending on the size and location of the Memorial) is available. Apply for the application form [here](#) Completed entry forms should be submitted to [Civic.Hospitality@dumgal.gov.uk](mailto:Civic.Hospitality@dumgal.gov.uk) no later than 12 noon on Monday 26 July 2021.



## Windfarm

## Community Funds Update

The Dumfries and Galloway Regionwide Community Fund paid out around £170k in its first year. The Fund closed for its second round of applications and successful applicants were contacted in early June.

Some upcoming dates of interest

- **Dalswinton** applications due 23 July for payment October
- **ANCBC (Harestanes)** next closing dates 29 July, 3rd December
- **Kilgallioch Fund** next closing date 5 July

For more information contact James Parker at [james.parker@dumgal.gov.uk](mailto:james.parker@dumgal.gov.uk).



## ArtRoots Funding for the National Cycle Network in Scotland

ArtRoots is a community fund for artistic and aesthetic improvements to traffic-free paths along the National Cycle Network in Scotland. ArtRoots enables and empowers communities to make improvements to the National Cycle Network for the benefit of place quality, enjoyment and active travel. The fund supports local enterprise and culture and encourages communities to participate in shaping their local environment and increase their levels of physical activity. Grants from £2,500 to £5,000 are available. Click on the webpage [here](#) to explore further and apply.

# Sharing Good Practice across the Region

Focus on Positive Partnership Working

## “Support Our Local Businesses!”

[www.lovegretna.com](http://www.lovegretna.com)

Gretna and Rigg Community Council have launched the LOVE GREтна project to help local businesses promote their services to the local community, tourists and the many wedding couples and guests who visit Gretna. Check out the dedicated website

[here](#)

Situated in Central Avenue Gretna,

two new seats and planters were provided by Gretna and Rigg Community Council, promoting the project and utilising the services of local welding firm, Ray's Welding, who provided the benches and planters.



## Upper Nithsdale Community Trust

A Deed of Trust was set up and signed on 6th July 2007 and agreed between the two Community Councils of Kelloholm and Kirkconnel and the Royal Burgh of Sanquhar and District. The purpose of the Trust is to support and promote within the area the following causes: charitable, educational, community environmental, renewable energy, energy efficiency, sustainable development and general community amenity schemes or projects, whether capital or revenue. In November 2018, the Upper Nithsdale Community Trust started awarding grants from the windfarms on the hills surround the Royal Burgh of Sanquhar, Kelloholm and Kirkconnel. Funding is available now to support local groups and individuals. Go to the trust website [here](#) to find out more.



## Community Effort Pays Off

Winner of the Royal British

Legion Best Kept War Memorial 2021 for the Glasgow, Ayrshire and Dumfries and Galloway Area was Gretna Green.

The category was for small communities without Gardens. Community Council chairperson Isabell Tranter commented 'the Community Council fund the flowers at the memorial and

on the green. We also accessed windfarm benefit money to purchase a bench this year. The bench was made by local lad, Ray's Welding in Gretna. Springfield and Gretna Green Men's Shed do the planters and flower beds and help cut the grass.'



Dumfries and Galloway Council also have a Facebook page which is updated regularly with news, information and contact details. You can find out more [here](#)

## We would love to hear from you



Would you be happy to share good practice stories that others may be interested in?

Do you have creative ways to engage with your community that you would be happy to share with us? Is there something you would like featured in the Newsletter?

Please let us know by contacting [Community.Councils@dumgal.gov.uk](mailto:Community.Councils@dumgal.gov.uk)

## Our circulation list is growing!



With almost 400 subscribers, do you know of anyone who would like to receive the Community Council newsletter? To subscribe please send your email address to [community.councils@dumgl.gov.uk](mailto:community.councils@dumgl.gov.uk)

## Surf Regeneration Awards 2021

The SURF awards are delivered in partnership with the Scottish Government to highlight, celebrate, and share the achievements of local initiatives that combat physical, social, and economic challenges in communities across Scotland. The awards are open to any project or initiative, taking place in Scotland, which is currently in place or which has been completed within two years of the closing date. Closing date for applications, Monday 6th September 2021 (5pm). Find out more [here](#)



# Gentle Reminders



**86** Community Councils are now established across the 12 Wards within Dumfries and Galloway.

**Emailing Community Council contacts** is the communication method used by DGC and we would appreciate each Community Council ensuring their contact details are up to date and correct.

Please check out the list of secretaries/contacts on the [dumgal.gov](http://dumgal.gov) website and if any changes are required, we would be grateful if you could notify us via email to [Community.Councils@dumgal.gov.uk](mailto:Community.Councils@dumgal.gov.uk) as soon as possible.

**Ward Officers** can provide support with community engagement, community empowerment, community development and community planning. Click [here](#) to access more information about Ward Working across Dumfries and Galloway.

**Has your Community Council registered** with the Information Commissioner's Office (ICO) yet? Signed up for the free newsletter? Need more information on this? Visit the Information Commissioners Office [here](#)

**Additional Information** for Community Councillors on [dumgal.gov](http://dumgal.gov) website including Insurance, Discretionary Grants and Data Protection Registration is available [here](#)

## The Voluntary Sector



TSDG Third Sector Dumfries and Galloway

Community Councils are eligible to become Associate Members of Dumfries and Galloway Third Sector Interface. The detailed website provides regular updates on Funding Opportunities, free subscription to the funding newsletter, training opportunities, volunteering opportunities and a great deal of useful information which is updated on a regular basis. Find the website [here](#)

## Where can you find more Information?



### [www.communitycouncils.scot](http://www.communitycouncils.scot)

Scottish Government Community Council website. This website is for anyone interested in community councils. The site has up to date information on news, events, guidance and grants as well as advice on how to be a Community Councillor. Check out the help and support section [here](#)

### [www.dumgal.gov.uk](http://www.dumgal.gov.uk)

Information based Dumfries and Galloway Council website features the services and functions of Dumfries and Galloway Council. Keep up to date on current consultations by going to the Get Involved page [here](#)

### [www.dumgal.gov.uk/communitycouncils](http://www.dumgal.gov.uk/communitycouncils)

Community Council Webpage – Useful information for Community Councils including Find my Community Council. In particular, check out the Information for Community Councils section [here](#) Keep your Community Council information on the webpage up to date. Send DGC any changes to membership or individual contact details to ensure all information sent out by DGC is being received correctly.

### [CCESCommunities@dumgal.gov.uk](mailto:CCESCommunities@dumgal.gov.uk)

A Dumfries and Galloway Council operated enquiry service. Send your request for support or any other topic of Community Council business. Need more information on CCES, click [here](#)

### [Community.Councils@dumgal.gov.uk](mailto:Community.Councils@dumgal.gov.uk)

The Community Council mailbox administered by Dumfries and Galloway personnel.

Send in your Agendas and Minutes to comply with the scheme – Role of Secretary, section 6.5 of the scheme [here](#)