

# BUCHAN BULLETIN

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The past few months have been a really busy time for BDP staff and volunteers, and we would like to thank them all for their hard work, especially our volunteers. Everyone at BDP was excited to hear the Heritage Lottery Funding Application for Aden Country Park had been successful. Congratulations to everyone involved, particularly to Neil Shirran, the development worker who made sure everything was in place to ensure success.

In this edition we have featured one of the projects that BDP has supported recently. Buchananhaven Boatshed is a good example of the type of support we can offer to community groups to improve their own facilities. We really enjoyed working with their committee and would recommend a visit to see the Boat Shed; the aquarium itself is well worth a visit.

Eight volunteers received free First Aid training through Volunteer Buchan recently and dates for Food Hygiene and Managing Volunteers courses will be confirmed soon, so remember to check Volunteer Buchan and BDP's Websites for details.

Diane, Leona & Alison

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## Community Empowerment

In 2015 the Scottish Parliament passed the Community Empowerment (Scotland) Act 2015 to give new rights to community bodies and new duties to public sector authorities.

Do you know how these affect you?

Our free event will help community organisations and individuals increase their understanding and awareness of the Government's Community Empowerment Agenda, and how it supports communities to do more for themselves and have more say in the decisions that affect them.

The event is aimed at anyone involved in community led projects and activities and is ideal for anyone considering starting a community project.

The event will cover topics such as:

\*An overview of the Community Empowerment Act

\*Participation Requests

\*Participatory Budgeting

\*Asset Transfer/Right to Buy

\*Democracy Matters - Conversation about community decision making

\*National Lottery Community Funds

\*Local examples of community empowerment

Where: - MACBI Community Hub, Newlands Road, Mintlaw

When: - Monday 1 October 2018, 9.15am to 3.30pm.

If you want more information or want to book a place please get in touch at [info@bdp.scot](mailto:info@bdp.scot)

Keep an eye out on our Facebook page where we will post updates about the event.



## OSCR - Changes to your Charity

It is important to remember that Charity Trustees must seek prior consent from OSCR:

- \*before changing the name of the charity
- \*before amending the objects or purposes
- \*before amalgamating with another body
- \*before winding-up a charity or dissolving a SCIO
- \*before converting a Company or a Community Benefit Society to a SCIO
- \*before applying to the court to change purposes, amalgamate, or wind-up

Prior consent must be sought at least 42 days in advance of the proposed change taking effect.

OSCR must also be notified no later than 3 months after the following changes have taken effect:

- \*as soon as the Principal Contact changes#
- \*when the contact details for the existing Principle Contact change#
- \*when the accounting year end date has changed#
- \*when changes unrelated to purposes are made to the constitution
- \*when any change consented by OCSR is

implemented.

# These changes can be made using OSCR Online Services at [www.oscr.org.uk](http://www.oscr.org.uk)

You must also notify OSCR no later than 1 month of the following changes taking effect:

- \*any administration order or an order for winding-up a charity made by the court
- \*appointment of a receiver

REMEMBER!

\*Contact OSCR as soon as your Principal Contact changes

\*Make sure your annual accounts are returned with your completed Annual Return no later than 9 months after your year end

\*Notifications and Applications for Consent should be made in writing (email is acceptable)

\*Application and Notification Forms can be downloaded from the OSCR website

\*sign up for OSCR Reporter

OSCR, 2nd Floor Quadrant House, 9 Riverside Drive, Dundee, DD1 4NY  
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[www.oscr.org.uk](http://www.oscr.org.uk)

## Aden Country Park

Aden Country Park has been a hub of activity this year and we have lots of exciting events still to come.

The first event in the calendar was Seedy Sunday which was a great success despite the cold snap that weekend. More than 500 people attended the event which aims to promote locally produced food and products and introduces the local community to the benefits of growing your own products.

One Seed Forward handed out 162kg of free potatoes and 2,000 seed packets were given away on the day.

Two weeks later, Buchan Development Partnership held their first ever Easter Egg Hunt on April 1st. Thousands of people from all over the North-east, including a family from

Spain, flocked to the park to take part in the Easter Egg Hunt and visit the miniature donkeys.

BDP development worker, Leona Findlay said: "This was our first Easter Egg Hunt and it proved a real learning curve for us. We have learned so much from the day and have already discussed ways to make the event even better next year. We had a fantastic team of volunteers on the day who worked their socks off to make the day the success and I would like to thank

them for giving up their time to help."

Music at Aden have organised a number of performances since the start of the year and have many more arranged over the coming months. Please visit their website on [www.music-at-aden.co.uk](http://www.music-at-aden.co.uk) or page 8 of this very magazine.

The Friends of Aden held its annual Drive it Day at the end of April. It featured a fantastic selection of vehicles from the Garioch Vehicle Restoration Society members and Aberdeen Model Society also brought along a display to Aden Park.

Wild About Aden was a great success with lots of fantastic fun activities for visitors to try and a wealth of new attractions included on the programme this year.

Leona added: "This year's Wild About Aden event proved to be a real crowd pleaser. We included something for everyone to enjoy including outdoor nature sessions, animal handling, sporting activities and challenges, craft workshops, storytelling, nerf wars, climbing wall and cycle track plus much more. We are extremely grateful to MacDuff Shellfish, Kininmonth Cabs and the Country Park Inn for providing funding and making donations to the event this year."

## Buchanhaven Boat Shed

Buchanhaven Boat Shed officially opened on the 9th of June 2018.

Chairman of the Buchanhaven Harbour SCIO, Arthur James McKenzie explained how the project first started.

“Our group has been active in the community since 1994, managing Buchanhaven Harbour facilities and holding an Annual Gala day to fundraise for deserving groups and causes. Since we started fundraising we have donated over £150,000.”

“In 2015, we bought a small piece of land near the harbour in Buchanhaven with the intention of building a boatshed for harbour users to do up their boats in winter. After consulting the local community, it was clear that the shed could also be a community space for a range of uses, and as time went on the project grew. The boatshed which was completed earlier this year, has heritage displays, workshop space for boat repair and maintenance, educational material and an aquarium complete with lobsters and other locally caught sea life. It is a great place for the local community to use and for local schools and groups to learn all about our fishing heritage.”

Asked about any problems with the project Arthur said “The final cost for the project was almost £100,000. It was hard work to raise the money for the build as we had to apply to a variety of funders that all had different application procedures and forms. They included

NESFLAG, Your Voice Your Choice, Awards for All, Buchan Area Committee Area Initiatives and Aberdeenshire Council Capacity Grant funding.

We had a lot of help from Aberdeenshire Council and organisations such as Buchan Development Partnership who also supported us with business planning and registering to become a charity. Through the process we have learned a lot ”

“The Boat Shed is open for visitors Monday to Friday from 10 am to 12pm and 2pm to 4pm. Please come along and visit us, you won’t be disappointed.”



## Heritage Lottery Funding

It has just been confirmed that Aden Country Park has been awarded more than a million pounds by The National Lottery, as part of the 'Parks for People' programme.

The funding will support the major restoration and redevelopment of both Aden's historic buildings and landscape, along with the creation of a brand-new play area (colour plans inside back cover), improvements to park accessibility and signage, as well as supporting a programme to enhance biodiversity.

The ambition of the project is to enhance, promote, and conserve Aden's rich cultural, architectural, archaeological and natural heritage, creating a sustainable, high-quality visitor destination in rural Aberdeenshire for present and future generations to enjoy.

In addition, it is hoped this investment will encourage as many people as possible get involved with the heritage of Aden Country Park through opportunities for volunteering, community participation, audience development, interpretation, training and learning.

The total grant is for £1.25 million. It is expected that the total project cost will be £2.13 million, with the rest of the funds coming from other grants, from non-cash contributions, volunteer time, developer

obligations and investment from Aberdeenshire Council itself. Work is due to start before the end of 2018 and will take five years to complete.

The main strands of the proposed project delivery phase include:

- \* A range of improvements to visitor facilities, including improved access, upgraded courtyard, path works, the opening up of the ground floor of the Coach House to develop an interactive interpretation, education and activity area, along with the creation of wildlife and farming heritage trails.
- \* Improvements to the biodiversity of habitats for plants and wildlife including works to the Mill Pond, new planting, the control of invasive species and woodland management.
- \* The development of environmental, archaeological and heritage-related volunteer and learning opportunities.
- \* A new adventure play area aimed at children of all ages and abilities.
- \* The creation of outdoor learning classrooms with a new pond dipping platform, wildlife shelter, and nature trails.
- \* The uncovering, recording, and interpretation of a series of significant archaeological sites including a Bronze Age settlement, lost Keith Tower, Mansion House, Stone Circle and WW1 trenches.
- \* Formal learning programmes and resources developed for schools to complement the curriculum for excellence.

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- \* The stabilisation of the Gardener's Cottage and the repurposing of the Grieve's House to create new enterprises and new income sources in the future.
- \* The conservation of Aden's designed landscape including the restoration of structures such as the three historic lodges, features and planting along with the stabilisation of at risk buildings.
- \* The development of a wide range of interpretation e.g. interpretation centre, smartphone app, films, website, leaflets and panels, to encourage visitors to engage with Aden's natural, built, cultural and archaeological heritage.
- \* The delivery of a wide range of heritage related events and activities aimed at a wide range of audiences.

Chair of the Buchan Area Committee Cllr Norman Smith was delighted to hear that the grant had been successful. He said "Aden is a wonderful asset, not only to the communities of Mintlaw, Peterhead and the Buchan area but to the rest of Aberdeenshire. It is a significant attraction, which will be made even better with the news of this National Lottery funding. This is something which is very welcome and I would like to give my thanks to the staff from the Buchan Development Partnership, and to the Friends of Aden, for their work and support to secure this funding."

Lucy Casot, Head of the Heritage Lottery Fund in Scotland, said: "Aden Country

Park is enjoyed by all ages as a place to relax and reconnect with nature away from the pressures of daily life. As 'Love Parks Week' begins, we're delighted that, thanks to players of the National Lottery, we are able to protect this precious green space making a difference to the quality of life for the people of Aberdeenshire."



## New Deer Public Hall Performances

We have a regular programme of theatre shows/films during the year .

Please visit and like our Facebook page for regular updates

@NewDeerPublicHall

Tickets for shows/films are available from the Pharmacy 01771 644217 and

Food For Thought 01771 644366

Or by booking online at

[www.neatshows.org.uk](http://www.neatshows.org.uk)

## Buchan Heritage Society

[www.buchanheritagesociety.co.uk](http://www.buchanheritagesociety.co.uk)

Wednesday 19 September

Highlights from

Buchan Heritage Festival 2018

Come along and hear some of this years outstanding entries

Longside Parish Hall

7.30pm Pay at the door

Wednesday 17 October

Talk from Alan Hay

'The Aberdeenshire Ancestors of the Future King'

with musical interludes

Longside Parish Hall

7.30pm Pay at the door

Friday 30 November

MacDuff Strathspey and Reel Concert

Longside Parish Hall

7.30pm Pay at the door

[www.buchanheritagesociety.co.uk](http://www.buchanheritagesociety.co.uk)

BDP had a fabulous Summer Forum at Crimond Medical and Community Hub. Our hosts Crimond Charitable Trust gave our members a visit around their new facility. Symposium also provided some lovely tray bakes.



The second round of the Shell Small Grants were awarded by Tammy Skinner, Shell UK-St Fergus. Recipients this round were Peterhead Bowling Club, Buchan East Community Council, Mintlaw Public Hall, Community Connect (Peterhead) and Auchnagatt Hall Committee. All representatives gave a wee speech about their grant and groups aims (and fair few fun stories too).

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