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Fife Council Tenant Participation



As autumn approaches, we all start thinking about the impact of the increasing cost of living, and in particular our heating costs. The impact of the Middle East war is impacting on energy and other household costs, and higher prices seem to be never-ending. As a Council Housing Service, we will do everything we can to help tenants who are struggling with their bills. This winter, we will continue to support tenants who may struggle with fuel costs, as well as providing rent support to those in our hardest to heat houses, and tenants who are experiencing damp and mould.

We are in the midst of a Housing Emergency in Fife, with a record number of people in the Council's temporary accommodation and on the Fife Housing Register waiting on an offer of a house. Whilst the Council, and our partner housing associations in Fife, continue to build new housing and buy housing from the private sector, it is not enough to provide help to everyone in need. We need to build more housing and buy more housing over the next three years, to mitigate the worst impacts of the Housing Emergency.

I look forward to continuing to work with the Fife Federation of Tenants and Residents Associations and the Fife Tenant Forum to make sure that the voice of the Tenant Movement in Fife is heard and represented, in influencing how Housing Services can be improved for everyone's benefit. Congratulations to Cath Reilly of the Cardenden TRA who recently picked up an award at the TPAS Conference for her long-standing contribution to the TRA and as a former Chair of FFOTRA.



I also want to recognise the work of the West Wemyss Village TRA and their support for the Council's efforts to prevent homelessness for 26 tenants in former Wemyss Estates houses, which were sold in September 2025 to a private landlord who had subsequently tried to evict their tenants. The Council, with Scottish Government support, has now successfully bought the properties and have offered the 26 tenants council secure tenancies. Great team work with the tenants and the Council services to make this possible."



John

John

John Mills

Head of Housing Services



Energy advice

From 1st July 2026, the energy price cap is increasing by 13%. This means many households on standard variable tariffs will see higher gas and electricity bills, with a typical household paying around £221 more per year. Fixed tariff customers will not be affected unless their deal ends. For advice on heating bills please contact Cosy Kingdom on - Phone: 01592 807930 between 10AM – 3PM Monday – Friday. Text: Text 'COSY' and your name to 88440 Email: info@cosykingdom.org.uk

Get Ahead of Winter

When the warmer weather arrives, heating bills are often the last thing on our minds. However, summer is the ideal time to prepare for the colder months, especially for households using prepayment meters, where planning ahead can really help manage costs.

Taking small steps now can make a big difference in staying warm and in control of your energy use when winter comes.

Make the Most of Lower Summer Usage

Energy use is typically lower during the summer, which means your usual top-ups may go a bit further.

If you can, try to add a little extra credit to your prepayment meter while your usage is low. Building up a balance now can provide a useful cushion when energy use increases in winter.

Look Into Support and Financial Help

There are a range of schemes that may be available to support you with energy costs, including:

- Warm Home Discount
- Winter Fuel Payment (if eligible)
- Local support funds across Fife

Checking what you're entitled to now can help you plan ahead and avoid added pressure later in the year.



Improve Your Home's Energy Efficiency

Simple steps can help keep your home warmer and reduce energy bills:

- Seal draughts around doors and windows
- Use thicker or thermal curtains where possible
- Keep radiators clear so heat can circulate properly

In Fife, you can also get free, impartial advice from Cosy Kingdom, a local service offering support with:

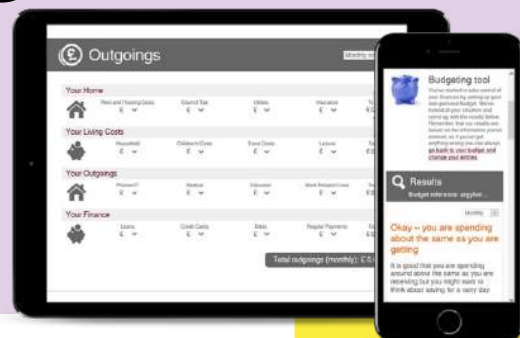
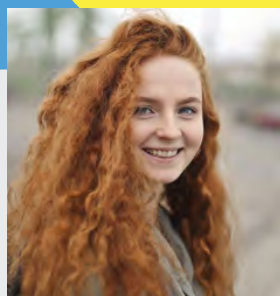
- Energy-saving advice
- Help accessing funding and grants
- Support to improve home energy efficiency

Cosy Kingdom can help you make practical changes that keep your home warmer and more affordable to run.



Help with budgeting

Fife now has a free income and expenditure tool for tenants to use. The tool can give you a clearer picture of your budget, by mapping exactly what comes in against what goes out. It helps you control spending, identify areas to cut back, and where you may need to get some extra support and advice. It is available at **our.fife.scot/gethelp/income** and sits with Fife's free Benefit Checker.



Need some extra support with your bills and household costs?

Lightning Reach is a free online portal where you can find and apply for support with your finances

www.fife.gov.uk/lrfife

Scan the QR Code for support and to sign up



Cuppa at the Corrie

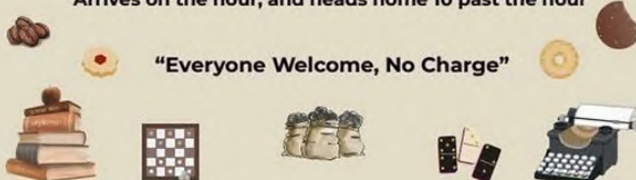


Delicious biscuits & cakes
pop in and stay for the company and friendly conversation

Every Monday between 11am - 1pm at The Corrie Centre

The 32 bus stops right outside our venue
Arrives on the hour, and heads home 10 past the hour

"Everyone Welcome, No Charge"



Garden Party at Allan Court

"After a successful application to Fife Council Community and Neighbourhood (FCCAN) fund, to participate in the Fife Climate Festival, Floral Action Burntisland (FAB) held a multi-generational garden party with the residents of Allan Court.

FAB have supported the residents of Allan Court to maintain their garden for many years now. This wonderful collaboration has meant that, this year, we have been able to hold a coffee morning with help from the FCCAN Seed Fund, and now the Garden Party held on 28th June.

It was an amazing success with numerous residents, and young visitors from the Broomhill Allotment Kid's Garden Club, popping in to tell us all about their work as well as neighbours, family members, FAB volunteers and locals popping in to say hello.

Entertainment from Tam, one of Allan Court's residents, had us dancing and singing the afternoon away.

To top this all off The Burntisland Fry provided sustainably sourced fish suppers, washed down with refreshments served in mugs! Using sustainable sources of food and reusable cups meant a positive impact on our planet!

It was lovely to be allowed the privilege to facilitate this event, and we hope to be able to continue this in future years.

Everyone involved had a wonderful time and the fact the sun came out made for a perfect day."

Irene Megaw, Secretary of Floral Action Burntisland





Rechargeable batteries - used to charge e-bikes and scooters - can be a significant fire risk if damaged, overcharged, or used with the wrong equipment.

E-bikes and e-scooters are increasingly popular. They are usually powered by rechargeable lithium-ion batteries which are small, lightweight and hold lots of power. These types of batteries are also found in phones, tablets, and e-cigarettes.

Rechargeable, or lithium batteries, are part of life - but they come with risks we can't ignore. A few simple steps can help protect your home, your children, and your neighbours.

Simple steps to stay safe at home

Charging e-bikes and e-scooters should always be done safely!

- Never charge e-bikes or e-scooters in hallways, stairwells or other shared areas. This could block emergency escape routes and cause any fire to spread rapidly.
- Never leave batteries charging while you're asleep or when you are not in the house.
- Use original chargers - only use the charger provided by the manufacturer. Substandard or incompatible chargers are a major cause of battery failure.
- Charge and store batteries in a cool, dry, well-ventilated place and somewhere out of direct sunlight.

Small habits make a big difference

- Check for damage - If a battery is swollen, cracked, leaking, or smells strange - don't use it.
- Use safe products - Buy batteries and chargers only from reputable suppliers. Cheap, untested products are a major fire risk.
- Unplug when finished - Once charged, remove the battery from the charger.

Disposing of old or damaged batteries

Always dispose of batteries safely. Do not put lithium batteries in normal household bins. They can catch fire bin lorries or recycling centres. Please take used batteries to your local recycling centre **www.fife.gov.uk/recycling**, or return them to your supplier/manufacturer. To find out how and where to recycle your electricals please visit: **www.recycleyourelectricals.org.uk**

Please take a few minutes this week to check where you charge things at home and move anything that could be unsafe.

In the event of a Lithium-Ion battery fire call 999, do not try to fight the fire yourself.

Glenrothes walkabouts bringing people together

Positive Community Engagement at Thornton Estate Walkabout

Fife Council Housing Services hosted a well-attended, estate management walkabout in Thornton, on 24th February, bringing together residents, councillors and key services. The event was attended by local councillors, alongside colleagues from Transportation, Community Learning & Development, Grounds Maintenance, Tenant Participation and the Fife Federation of Tenants & Residents Association (FFOTRA).



The session was positive and engaging, with constructive discussions throughout. Parking was a key focus, helping to build a shared understanding of local challenges, particularly around pavement parking, accessibility and repair costs. Potential solutions, including footpath exemptions and ways to improve parking provision, were explored with a practical and balanced approach.

Issues such as dog fouling and bin provision were also raised and will be progressed. Overall, it was a strong example of the community and services working together, with good engagement and few wider concerns, reflecting a community keen to maintain and improve their area.

Strong Community Spirit at Glenrothes Sheltered Housing Estate Walkabout

An estate management walkabout took place on 20th May at the sheltered housing complexes of Blairadam Court and Strathyre Place in Glenrothes, bringing together tenants, residents and partner services for a very positive and well-supported session. There was a great turnout on the day, with colleagues from across a range of services, all keen to listen, share views and work collaboratively with the community.

Representation included Housing Services, Transportation, Tenancy Management, Community Learning & Development, Tenancy Participation and the Fife Federation of Tenants & Residents Association (FFOTRA). The walkabout provided an excellent opportunity to walk the sites together, have open conversations, and focus on how we can continue to enhance the environment for residents.

Topics raised included trees overhanging properties and the timing of grass cutting and strimming to help keep the areas looking their best. These points have been noted and will be followed up with Grounds Maintenance. It was a positive example of everyone working together to support and improve the local community.



Get Involved in Your Community – Join Our Estate Walkabouts!

The North East Fife Area Housing Team is excited to be delivering a two-year programme of Estate Walkabouts. Our aim is to connect with communities and identify what you would like to see in your community.

We've already visited St Monans, Anstruther, Tayport, St Andrews, and Kinloss Park in Cupar, where we've seen good engagement from tenants, residents, and partner services. These walkabouts are a great opportunity to have your say and help shape your neighbourhood.

Together, we've been able to identify and tackle key issues such as garden maintenance, parking, fly tipping, communal areas, anti-social behaviour, and property concerns. By working closely with our partners, we're committed to delivering positive changes and continuing to improve our communities.

We'd love to hear from you.

We are inviting tenants and residents to participate, providing you with a voice to help influence and shape your communities. Greater involvement improves sustainability and has a positive impact on estate management.

"A great walkabout yesterday at Roundhill Road, St Andrews, despite the rainy conditions.

It was fantastic to see a number of tenants and residents who joined us to discuss changes that would make their area better, with the hope that a Tenants and Residents Association can be formed on the back of this.

Thank you, Janette, for organising on behalf of the North East Fife Housing Team."

Ross Cameron, Tenant Participation Officer

Would you like to be part of making your neighbourhood better? Getting involved can help us make a difference where it matters most.

Share your views with your Housing Management Officer or watch out for Walkabouts being advertised locally or on Fife Council's Tenant Participation Facebook page.



Could you help us help people who may be sleeping rough? It's easier than you think.

Keep a look out for any evidence of rough sleeping and report this to us so that we can find anyone sleeping like this and offer them support.

Rough sleeping isn't usually a choice and there are often a range of complicated reasons for it. It could be a relationship breakdown, mental health issues, unemployment, poverty, the list goes on.

With rough sleeping comes a whole range of risk factors for the individual. It affects physical and mental health, increases the risk of violence and exploitation, makes it harder to access services, support and employment, and it shortens life expectancy significantly.

This is where you can help. It's quick and easy to do. You simply let us know where and when you may have seen someone rough sleeping and our teams will then pay a visit to offer support and assistance to the individual.

It only takes a minute. Scan the QR code or visit **www.fife.gov.uk/roughsleepingsurvey**

to report. You could help change someone's life.



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You could help change someone's life.

Everyone deserves a permanent home

If you are homeless or about to be made homeless, please call 0800 028 6231
For more information visit www.fife.gov.uk/housingsupport



Have you experienced homelessness?

Your voice matters.

Fife Council, in partnership with Turning Point Scotland, would like to hear from people like you, who have experienced homelessness. Your insights will help us understand the reasons for homelessness in Fife, and if anything could have been done earlier to prevent you becoming homeless.

The survey, which will run for the next 12 months is open to anyone who is currently homeless or has experienced homelessness in the past. It gives people the opportunity to share what led to their homelessness, what support they received, and what might have helped earlier to prevent homelessness.

We want to hear from as many people as possible so we can better understand what is working well and where changes could

make a real difference. If you know anyone that has been homeless in Fife, please let them know we are keen to hear their views too.

The survey is now live on Citizen Space: **www.fife.gov.uk/homelessness-survey**

Paper copies are also available for anyone who would prefer not to complete the survey online, you can pop into your nearest customer service centre who can print one for you.

Templehall Community Hub brings services and activities together in Kirkcaldy



Council tenants across Fife may be interested to know about the new Templehall Community Hub in Kirkcaldy, a modern facility that brings a wide range of local services, activities and spaces together under one roof.

Located in the heart of Templehall, the £15 million hub replaces several older buildings, including the former Templehall Community Centre and the Argos Centre. It has been designed with input from local people to better meet the needs of the community and make services easier to access in one place.

The hub offers a range of facilities that may be useful to tenants, whether you're looking for support, learning opportunities or somewhere to spend time with others. Services include a Customer Service Centre for help with council enquiries, a library, and an IT and learning suite where people can access digital support, develop skills or search for jobs.

There are also a number of flexible spaces that can be used by individuals and groups. These include meeting rooms, a training kitchen, and a games and community hall available for hire. Outside, a multi-use games area provides space for sport and physical activity.

A mix of activities is being offered at the hub, with sessions designed to appeal to different ages and interests. These include reading groups, craft sessions, family activities, youth sports and coding clubs. Community groups and local organisations can also use the building to run their own events and activities.

The building has been designed to be comfortable and energy efficient. It is the first community facility in Fife built to Passivhaus Classic standard, meaning it is well insulated and uses less energy to heat and run. It has also achieved a Gold Secure by Design award, recognising features that support safety and help prevent crime.

For council tenants, the hub provides a local, welcoming place to access services, build skills, meet others and take part in community life. Whether you live in Kirkcaldy or elsewhere in Fife, it highlights the type of modern, multi-use facilities being developed to support communities.

More information about the hub, including activities and how to book spaces, is available at **www.fife.gov.uk/templehallcommunityhub**

Antisocial Behaviour

Our Antisocial Behaviour Team works with people regardless of whether they are a tenant, own their own home or rent from a private landlord. When a complaint is recorded by the team, the incident will be logged and investigated. There is no charge for this service, and your information is kept confidential.

You can report antisocial behaviour online at **fife.gov.uk/antisocialbehaviour** if you are having problems with your neighbours, or others living near you, with issues such as:

- being harassed
- abuse
- drunk and disorderly behaviour
- vandalism and graffiti
- noise from neighbouring property

What we need to know

When you are reporting antisocial behaviour, tell us:

- your name, address and phone number
- where the problem is happening
- the name and address of the person causing the problem
- details of what is happening, including dates and times

After you report antisocial behaviour to us, we will get in touch to talk about what has been happening and give appropriate advice.

Call Police Scotland 101 to report a non-emergency problem if you require their attendance.

If someone's life or health is in danger call 999.

Practical tips on keeping your home and community safer

A person is involved in antisocial behaviour if they:

- act in a way that causes or is likely to cause alarm or distress to anyone; or
- behave in a way that causes or is likely to cause alarm and distress to at least one person not of the same household as them.

This behaviour must have occurred on at least two occasions.



You will need to tell us information including:

- your name, address, email and phone number
- where the problem is happening
- the name of the person causing the problem

We will also ask you to complete an incident diary sheet to help us gather evidence of the behaviour.

You can find out what we do with your information at fife.gov.uk

There are certain circumstances where Fife Council or partner agencies will have no recourse to take any action with regards to the following types of behaviour:

- The sound of children playing or a baby crying
- Everyday living noises, such as flushing toilets and closing doors
- Noise from washing machine, Hoover (we live in a 24 hour 7 day per week society where continental shift patterns are common)
- DIY (dependant on time of day)
- Boundary disputes
- Parking issues
- One-off incidents

If the antisocial behaviour you are experiencing is due to conflict with neighbours, we have a mediation service who can offer assistance and support.

For ASB they can report on **www.fife.gov.uk/antisocialbehaviour** or by calling **03451 55 00 00** during officer hours.

Dog fouling

The darker nights and mornings will soon arrive next month, which brings with them the problem of dog owners not picking up after their pet. Irresponsible dog owners think that because it is dark that no one will spot them, well think again!

Dog fouling in Fife's communities and neighbourhoods is unsightly, unhygienic and can cause health issues to members of the public. In an effort to avoid these problems, and also to improve the quality of neighbourhoods, dog owners are encouraged to pick up after their dogs and "Just Bin It".

Most communities are affected by dog fouling and if yours is then we want you to tell us about it. Dog owners have a legal responsibility to pick up after their dog if it fouls in a public place. If they don't, then they can be issued a Fixed Penalty Notice of £80.

During the months of October and November the Safer Communities Team will be carrying out patrols during twilight hours, looking for owners who are not taking responsibility for cleaning up after their pet. Special posters will be put up in certain areas in Fife, highlighting the issue to both dog owners and path users.

If you see someone who fails to pick up or have a dog fouling problem in your area, you can report this to

us using the methods listed below. Please give us as much information as you can such as:

- The details of the offender
- The location of the offence
- A description of the dog
- The date and time of the incident(s)/or when you discovered it

The Safer Communities Team deal with dog fouling complaints and can issue penalties to those who offend. The more information we get, the more we can be in the right place at the right time.

If you own a dog, please always pick up after your pet. Here are some useful tips if you do:

- BAG IT – always keep a supply of bags on you when walking your dog and keep a supply close by your dog's lead. Take extra out with you and even share some with fellow dog walkers.
- JUST BIN IT – Dispose of the bag in a bin. Any public litter bin as well as dog waste bins can be used in Fife. If there are no bins nearby, please take the bag home and dispose in your household waste bin.





Cardenden Tenants & Residents Association celebrate 40 years!

For 40 years Cardenden Tenants and Residents Association has been at the heart of the community, bringing people together, giving residents a voice, and working tirelessly to improve life in Cardenden.

Over the past four decades, the association has supported local people, championed better housing and community services, organised events, and helped create a stronger, more connected village. More recently the TRA have continued this tradition through community initiatives such as the popular Cuppa at the Corrie, providing a welcoming space where residents can meet, enjoy refreshments, and tackle social isolation together.

This 40-year milestone is a testament to the dedication of countless volunteers, committee members, partners, and residents who have given their time and energy to making Cardenden a better place for everyone.

As the Cardenden TRA celebrates 40 years of serving their community, it is fitting to recognise the dedication of Cath Reilly, whose commitment to the TRA began at their very first meeting back in 1986 and who, as treasurer, has helped the association continue its valuable work. Behind every successful community organisation are volunteers who give their time, skills and energy without expecting recognition. Cath is one of those people. Her hard work, reliability and dedication have not gone unnoticed. Cath, we thank you for all you have done and continue to do for your community.

Congratulations to everyone who has been a part of the Cardenden TRA over the last 40 years. Here's to celebrating a remarkable legacy of community spirit and looking forward to many more years of serving the people of Cardenden.



TPAS National Good Practice Awards

The Tenant Participation Advisory Service (Scotland) held its annual conference in June 2026

The conference is a fantastic way to share best practice and innovative ideas, the length and breadth of the country, with other registered social landlords, tenants and members from the Scottish Government. We even had representation from TPAS England and Wales and heard how they each do things.

We are fortunate in Fife because we have a very special lady called Cath Reilly. Cath has been on the Cardenden Tenants and Residents Association for over 40 years. We nominated Cath for her unwavering work, dedication and commitment, to improve the lives of her community, Cardenden.

Cath has been a huge influence in improving both Fife Council Services and the community as a whole, since the formation of the TRA in 1986.

Cath always goes above and beyond to help anyone and is very passionate about Cardenden Village. Cath gives her time freely, she is on the Scrutiny Panel, the Corrie Centre, Management Committee and is instrumental in the Cuppa at the Corrie, every Monday between 11am and 1pm, where people come for a warm, safe space, toast, a cuppa and a blether to relieve social isolation and meet friends old and new.

We were honoured and delighted to be present, when Cath was announced as the Tenant Champion of The Year - Alan Ferguson Award, for her outstanding achievements over four decades.

Thank you for your commitment and dedication Cath, you are a legend.



Has your home had an electrical safety check yet?

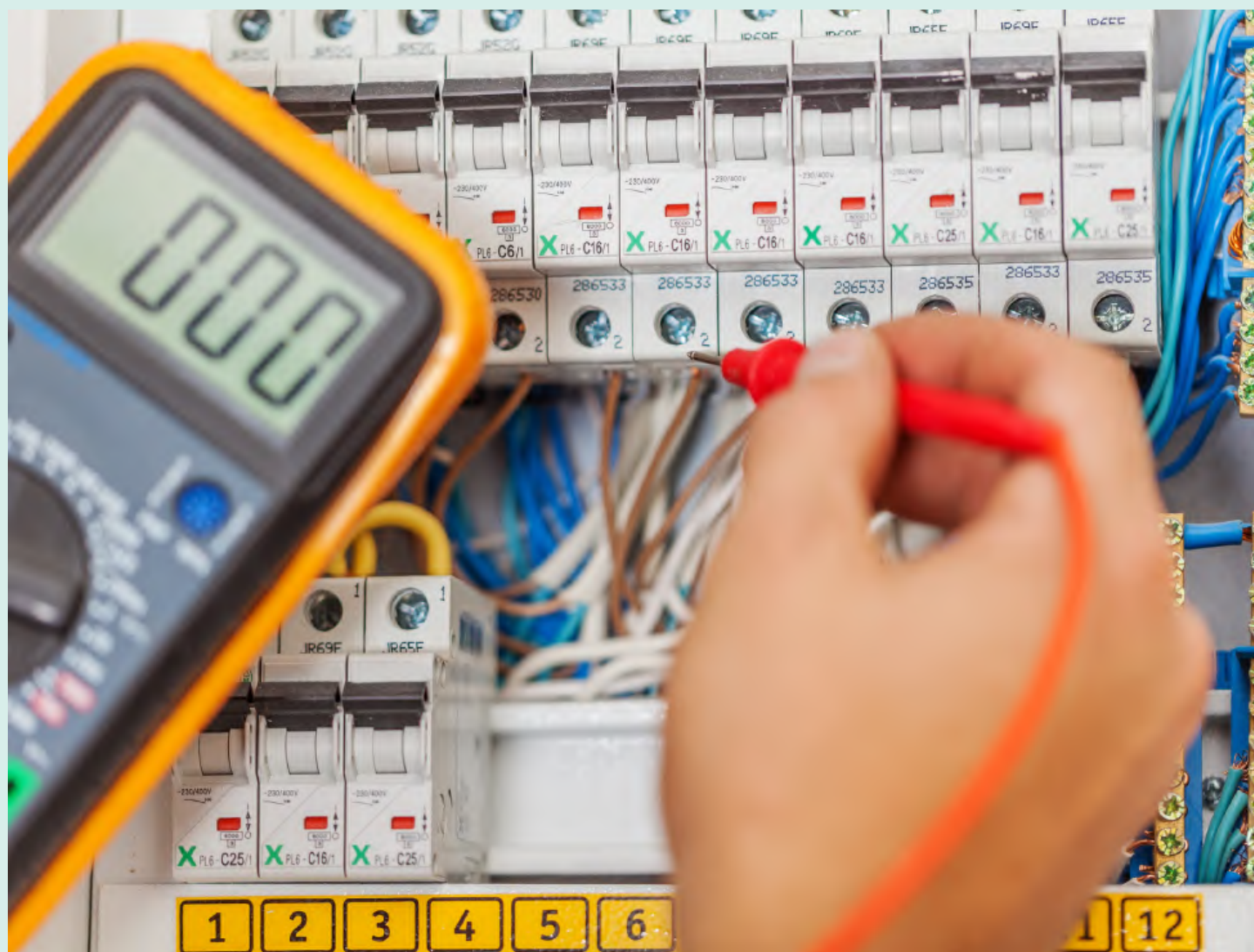
Did you know that you have a duty as a tenant to let us (your landlord) into your property to carry out regular electrical safety checks?

Electrical safety checks - where your electrical circuits, lights, switches and sockets are checked along with your smoke and heat alarms – are vitally important to keep you and your neighbours safe.

It's important you allow us access to carry out these necessary checks. You may have already had a recent safety check and, if so, you can relax knowing that your home is quite safe. For those properties we still haven't managed to get access to, we'll be contacting you soon to arrange a time for our engineers to carry out a check.

Look out for a letter coming through your door and make sure you respond. We'll try to arrange a time that suits you, but you need to get in touch. If the suggested date isn't suitable, we'll arrange another time within the next seven days, where possible. Details of who to call to arrange this will be on the letter or postcard.

Remember, if we can't get access to the property at the arranged time we might need to break in and no-one wants that because it costs you and us money. That's money that could be spent on better things. So, please, don't ignore our letters and postcards, we are trying to keep everyone safe. If you require assistance, please reach out to your Housing Officer.



Set Sail Glen Sheltered TRA!

Glen Sheltered Tenants and Residents Association took a trip by barge along the Union Canal on 4th July, from the cruise depot at Ratho. The trip was organised by Chair Isabel Campbell

The trip started out from Jubilee Grove taking a coach, supplied by Merlin Travel in Southfield, expertly driven by Ian.

On arrival at Ratho, some of the party took part in the rope knot tying course, laid on by the organisers Seagull Trust Cruises.

They then embarked on the barge and, as it wasn't the warmest of days, were grateful that they could sit inside in comfort whilst enjoying the scenery, through the panoramic windows. Sometime into the cruise, lunch from Davids Kitchen was distributed and very enjoyable it was too, washed down by (non alcoholic) wine, which was all very civilised and appreciated by all.

At the half-way point, the barge was turned around, but before heading back, moored up. As the weather was a little better by this time, the day trippers were able to leave the boat to stretch their legs and chat to a few of the locals who were out with their dogs, or in the case of two, fishing rods.

Back on board, they began the return trip, and if ever you feel like a calm, relaxing afternoon, this has to be well up on the list - if you choose, you can step out onto the fore deck to enjoy the ambience around the canal - the party sailed at noon and returned around 4pm - a very laid-back afternoon in good company.

Sincere thanks from us all, to Isabel and the TRA for having an inspired idea

- Don

Really enjoyed my day

- Nancy

Fabulous day, bus, food, nosecco and company. Rab great photographer

- Margaret

Thoroughly enjoyed the barge trip at Ratho and would recommend it. It was a wonderful experience.

- Maureen

As Chairperson for the TRA, myself and the tenants would like to thank the Staff of the Seagull Trust for looking after us on our trip.

- Isabel Campbell



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Amazing Inter-generational partnership working in Oakley

Children from Inzievar Nursery, a local nursery in Oakley, delighted members of the Aged to Perfection Tenant's Association when they attended "The Hub" at Oakley retirement village, to help with a garden project.

The back garden was rather dull and empty, and the tenants wanted to brighten it up with some flowers. The children were very good at filling containers with compost, planting up and watering the flowering plants. (They didn't even spill a drop!)

There were two visits for the planting and then the kids came back the following week to sing Easter songs for the residents. It was different kids each time and they were fantastic!

Their efforts have made the area at School Grove a very pleasant space for tenants to sit in and enjoy the fresh air and colourful display.

Thank you children and we hope this partnership can continue in the future!

John, Chair of Age to Perfection TA – "It was good to see the youngsters being interested in learning about the flowers and on how to grow them."

Maggie- "It was fun helping the children fill the plant boxes and put the flowers in."

Jackie- "Well done to all the children. They did a really good job. Thank you."

Inzievar Nursery would like to thank Linda and the tenants at the hub for welcoming our children to join in with some activities. You have all been so welcoming and we look forward to more visits next session.

Here is what the children had to say:

I liked planting; the helpers were nice, I got a drink.

It was great, I enjoyed planting the plants.

We went to sing songs, and the adults were kind. They gave me a chocolate egg.

The people showed us the garden, we helped to plant. The garden was lovely.

It was good singing songs. We sang to an audience and they all clapped after.

We went to someone's house and we helped to plant. The garden looks great. The people were kind to us.



Who's in the house?

It might sound simple but telling us who's living in your home is really important. Whether it's a partner, family member or someone helping out — if they've moved in, make sure we know.

Why does it matter?

If something unexpected happens, like the tenant passing away, someone in the household may be able to take over the tenancy (this is called succession).

But there's a catch:

- They usually need to have lived there for at least 12 months
- And the Housing Service must have been told they live there

If we don't have a record, they could lose the right to stay in the home.

The key thing to remember:

The clock only starts ticking from when the Housing Service is told someone has moved in. Telling other Council Services, like Council Tax or Revenues does not count.

What should you do?

- Let the Housing Service know when someone moves in or out
- Keep your household details up to date
- Contact your Housing Management Officer if you're unsure. Search 'Speak to your Housing Officer' on www.fife.gov.uk to send a contact form

It's quick to update – but it could make a big difference in the future.

We're here to help

We know these conversations often come at difficult times. Our aim is to make sure you and your household are protected and supported.

Keeping your household details up to date is a small step that can make a big difference for your family's future.



Dollar Court & David Millar Place fun & games

It has been a busy and enjoyable time at Dollar Court recently. Tenants took part in an Easter Brunch, complete with an Easter Bonnet Competition, which was a great success. They also enjoyed a dinner outing to a local restaurant.

The tenants participated in the Road Safety Bingo project, delivered by Project Officers from Fife Council's Safer Communities Team. Everyone had a great time while learning valuable road safety messages, and prizes were awarded to the lucky winners.

In addition, residents have recently started a weekly games day in the communal lounge. The sessions include a variety of games, cards and dominoes, but most importantly, they provide an opportunity for everyone to come together, enjoy each other's company and share plenty of laughs. These regular gatherings have proven to be a fantastic way of encouraging social interaction and fostering a strong community spirit within Dollar Court.



Digital Landline Switchover (by January 2027)

Across the UK, telephone companies are upgrading old landlines to a new digital system that uses fibre technology. This change has been happening for a while and will be finished by January 2027.

This means that if you have a traditional (analogue) landline, it will need to be switched to digital to keep working after January 2027.

Your phone provider (like BT or another company)

should contact you to arrange this. Many people have already made the switch, so you might already be using a digital landline.

BT say that a high percentage of homes in Scotland have already moved over, which means only a small number still need to change.

If your landline hasn't been upgraded yet, don't worry — please contact your phone provider and they'll help you arrange the switch.

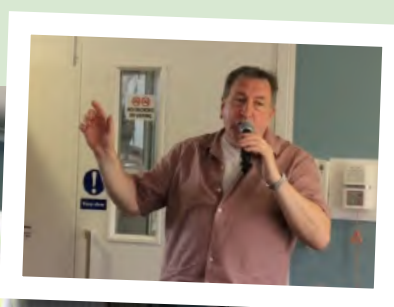
Sunnyside Tenants Association Summer BBQ

Sunnyside Tenants Association came together at the end of June to celebrate a Summer BBQ. In true Scottish summer style, the weather wasn't the best with wind and showers, but this didn't stop the tenants making it an afternoon to remember.

Charlie, the singer, came along to sing for the tenants who enjoyed a dance and sing along. It was lovely to see some new faces come along from a neighbouring complex and everyone let their hair down, enjoying each other's company.

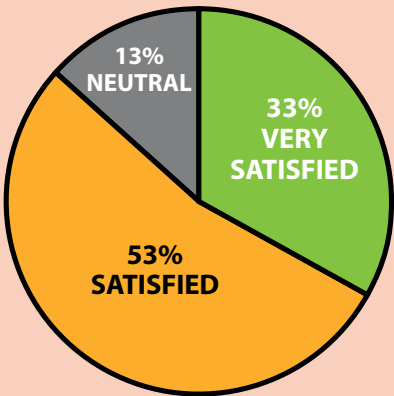
BBQ food of burgers, chicken, sausages and salad were served, alongside refreshments and some tasty cakes made by the tenants of Sunnyside Tenants Association. Everyone really came together to make this a great event with talk of future activities that could be organised by the group.

What's next for Sunnyside TA? Watch this space!



Down Your Street Survey Results

We asked you in the last edition to let us know what you thought of Down Your Street.



How can you find out more about Fife Council?

From your feedback it looks like some of you would like to find out more about the work we do at Fife Council, what services we provide, updates on local improvements, and activities and events.

You'll get a wealth of information on our general website, but did you know we have a dedicated News Centre? The news centre is regularly updated with stories about council-wide decisions and developments, as well as lots of local stories about improvements and events taking place in our local communities.

Log in to www.fife.gov.uk/news and see all the latest headlines. For example, we have regular updates on play park renovations, nature initiatives, activities for families, new services, and more useful information.



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Looking for a new hobby?



Hello, it's me again, Katie from Sunnyside.

This issue we are going to talk about our general health and well-being and how important it is to have good mental health. So this issue, we are talking about the hobby of knitting. I can hear you all growning already, but let's think about having a hobby and how it is so good for you in so many ways including mental health, blood pressure and mood.

Knitting can be very relaxing and rewarding and doesn't need to be expensive, you can get all you need at a reasonable cost from local charity shops. From wool, to needles they have it all, even patterns. The best size of needles for beginners is UK size 4 or 8.

Knitting is a hobby for all genders and ages; it doesn't take up a lot of storage space and can be done almost anywhere making it a cheap and rewarding hobby.

Around Fife there are many knitting groups, and your local library can give you lots of information on patterns and locations for groups.

Knitting goes back a long way in history from the Guernsey sweaters knitted in every coastal village throughout the UK, to the famous Arran sweaters from Scotland, and local hospitals are always grateful for donations of baby blankets and hats. Everything about knitting can be as simple or as colourful as you like so give it a go, you never know where it will take you.

Katie x





Tenant Participation News Bulletin

Happy retirement Jacqui!

Jacqui Leigh has worked for Fife Council longer than any of us can remember!

Jacqui has been a part of Safer Communities where she has excelled at promoting good dog control, developing the Dog Watch (Accredited Dog Walking Scheme) and creating the "Take the Lead" project.

She was also thrown in to the world of Road Safety education, an area that she said she knew nothing of, but came with an experienced background as a lorry licence holder. She was instrumental in the delivery of "Safe Drive Stay Alive" to all school pupils, checking child car seats are fitted correctly and helping our older generation with projects in 'Road Safety Bingo' and "Master your Mobility Scooter Sessions". Watch out for some photos and videos in the future, you may see some recognisable faces!

Jacqui is a great person to work with, ready to help, ready to fight your case and always have your back. One thing to note though - never try and get anything out of her until she has had her first coffee in the morning, there should be a warning note on her for that.

She will be sorely missed by all and it was a pleasure to work with her.

Everyone at the Tenant Participation team hope you have a wonderful retirement!



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Gary's gang

I'm Gary
look at all
my new
furriends!



Anna



Archie,
Millie &
Angel



Coco &
Angel



Cupcake

'If you would like your pet to feature
on 'Gary's Gang',
please email
tenantparticipation@fife.gov.uk



Dixie



Turbo



Sheldon



George
(Bobo)



Zuma

Summertime Wordsearch

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Can you find Sandy our Mascot? He is hidden somewhere throughout the magazine. Have a look and let us know if you can see him.



Win
£30 of
high street
vouchers!

Return postal entries to **Tenant Participation Team, Kirkcaldy Customer Service Centre, Town House, 2 Wemyssfield, Kirkcaldy, KY1 1XW** or scan

or take a photo and email it to **tenantparticipation@fife.gov.uk**

Remember to include your name, address and contact phone number.

Competitions close at **5pm on 30th of September 2026.**

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Name _____

Address _____

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Wordsearch winner - Eden Gray- Aged 7, Kirkcaldy

Where's Sandy winner - Sophie Stark, Falkland



Your new career is closer than you think!

Fife Council has a wide range of jobs available right now at:

www.fife.gov.uk/jobs



Did you know Fife Council has a dedicated careers website designed to help you discover the wide range of opportunities available?

Many people are surprised by just how many different careers exist within the Council. While teaching and social care may be some of the more familiar roles, there are also opportunities in areas such as catering, housing, cleaning, trades, admin and IT, engineering, and much more.

Explore careers you may not have considered

Whether you are looking for your first job, considering a career change, returning to work, or simply curious about the opportunities available in your local area, our careers website is a great place to start.

Everything in one place

The site brings together career information, employee stories and current vacancies, making it easier to discover opportunities that match your interests and skills.

Find out more

Visit www.fife.gov.uk/jobs/careers to learn more about

the people, professions and opportunities that make up Fife Council.

Job Alerts

Remember you can sign up for job alerts, so you are notified when a job is advertised.

Go to the careers site www.fife.gov.uk/jobs and click "view all jobs"

Scroll down and hit 'Sign Up for Job Alerts'

Pop in your email address, tick the terms and conditions box, and follow the steps.

You'll get a 6-digit code by email to enter on the site.

Choose job categories or locations you like. You'll get an email when a job is advertised that matches the criteria you have set.

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