

**Fife Council**  
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**Civic Business Bulletin**

City Status for Dunfermline

Congratulations to the City of Dunfermline as it celebrates its new, official status as a city. The ancient capital won its bid to have official city status as part of the civic honours competition to celebrate the Queen's platinum jubilee in 2022.

Armed Forces Day Event

The Council's Armed Forces Day event is due to take place outside the Glen Pavilion, Dunfermline at 1pm on the 18<sup>th</sup> June, 2022.

Fife Business Awards 2022

Fife Chamber of Commerce's Fife Business Awards were held on Friday 27<sup>th</sup> May, with Glenrothes-based Keela winning the Outstanding Business Award for their work to support the national response to the pandemic.

Solar Photovoltaic Farm

The one-megawatt ground solar photovoltaic (PV) development – backed by a Scottish Funding Council loan and supported by the Vacant & Derelict Land Fund from the Scottish Government and Fife Council – will provide electricity to the campus. This move further reduces the University's overall carbon footprint by approximately 5%. Plans by the University of St Andrews to meet net zero targets, contribute to a just transition from fossil fuels, and take a leading role in driving a successful local and national economy were given the seal of approval this week when its new solar farm was officially launched this month.

150<sup>th</sup> Open

Fife is looking to welcome a record 290,000 golf fans to St Andrews to the 150<sup>th</sup> Open. Some 1.3 million people applied for tickets and 52,000 will be present across each of the four days of the Championship, which will be staged from 14-17 July (with practice days from the 10 July). Fife Council is working with the R&A and partner organisations such as VisitScotland to ensure that spectators have an excellent visitor experience, and that local businesses can maximise the economic benefits that hosting this major championship brings.

### Crossgates Primary School awarded the Digital School Award

The Digital Schools Award Scotland is a national awards scheme to promote, recognise and encourage a whole school approach to the use of digital technology in schools. The awards scheme is open to nursery, primary, special education, and secondary level and is recognised by Education Scotland.

In Fife there are 96 schools registered and 19 of these have achieved the Digital Schools Award.

Crossgates Primary School were awarded 8<sup>th</sup> March and were commended on their commitment to embed digital technologies across the curriculum.

### Inverkeithing High School STEM Club win Robot Design Award at the First Lego League tournament

First Lego League is an international, robotics-based programme which stimulates the imagination and problem-solving abilities of children and young people through engineering, computing, creativity and teamwork. Each year the challenge has three parts: the Robot Game, the project and displaying the First Lego League Core Values.

Inverkeithing High School STEM Club have used the First Lego League to explore coding and robotics and competed in the Angus and Dundee Regional First Lego League Tournament on 22<sup>nd</sup> April. The STEM Club won the award for Best Robot Design and will be competing in the Scotland National First Lego League Finals on 11th June.