



blairtummock housing association

NEWSLETTER

at the heart of our community

Summer 2017

Garden Waste

Have you recently cut your grass and found yourself unsure of what to do with the bags you have filled?

Tenants who live in back and front doors should put any organic garden waste into their brown bins to be picked up by Glasgow City Council's Cleansing service.

Tenants who live in ground floor tenement properties and have their own garden area should place their grass and hedge clippings only into black bags. You should then call the Cleansing Service on 0141 287 9700 (Option 1) to arrange a bulk uplift or report it online using the myglasgow app.

Please do not leave your bags in the street as these will not be lifted by Cleansing.

Please note that there is a charge for picking up bags containing soil, sand or rubble. If you need these materials lifted, please call Glasgow City Council and they will discuss rates with you.

The office will be closed on the following dates:

Friday 26th & Monday 29th May 2017 • Friday 14th & Monday 17th July 2017 • Friday 22nd & Monday 25th September 2017.

Out of hours number

In the event of an emergency only, please contact 0141 771 9600.

GARDEN COMPETITION

Every Summer, we award prizes for the best kept gardens in Blairtummock and Rogerfield areas and a prize for the best overall garden. Judging will be taking place in early August and will be carried out by independent judges. Happy gardening!



Gardening Tools

Looking to borrow some gardening tools.... then look no further.

We understand that some residents encounter difficulties when maintaining their gardens. Blairtummock Housing Association have some non-motorised gardening equipment which tenants can borrow to spruce up their gardens.

Contact our office for further details.

Flags

The Estate Management Policy was reviewed in October 2015 and following tenant consultation, the Association now prohibits tenant's displaying flags at their homes.

We accept this issue is contentious, however, display of flags and other symbols of cultural or political allegiance has increased. These can be used to encourage conflict and division within our community; can be used to mark territory, often being experienced as aggression or intimidation. This can divide our community, cause conflict between neighbours, and make our homes less appealing to housing applicants.

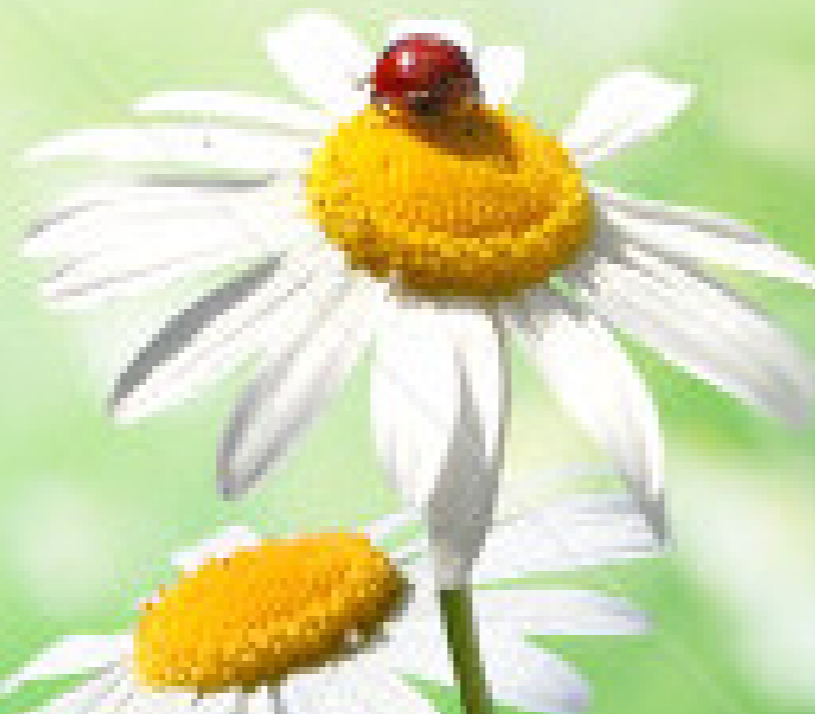
This policy aims to promote good relations, reduce tension and prevent escalation.

Dovecots

Please note that residents are not allowed to have dovecots in their gardens.

Our Policy states:

"The Association will not grant permission to erect a pigeon hut on the grounds of the potential for the spread of disease and the toxic pigeon droppings and feathers are prone to blocking gutters."



Damage To Playpark

The safety surface at our playpark in Boyndie Street has been vandalised. The park is very popular and well used by local children and families, therefore we are disappointed to report that should this type of vandalism continue the park may require to be closed for safety reasons.

We would urge anyone with information on who is responsible to contact our office with details.



Policy Review - Have Your Say

The Management Committee are currently reviewing the Equality & Diversity Policy & Action Plan and would like to hear your views. This policy and action plan takes recognition of Scottish Housing Regulator Charters Equalities 1 which states:

Social landlords perform all aspects of their housing services so that:

- **Every tenant and other customer has their individual needs recognised, is treated fairly and with respect, and receives fair access to housing and housing services.**

Before the Management Committee makes any decision they would like your opinion. You can do this by contacting Jacqui at the Association's office, telephone **0141 773 0202** or email jacqui.orourke@blairtummock.org.uk or you can also send any comments through the web site.

Jacqui will be happy to visit you at home if you are unable to call into the office. Association staff will be happy to meet with individuals or groups of tenants if you wish to come along with your neighbours.

Receiving your views will better inform us about what information you would like to receive and in what format.

We welcome any comments which you have.



Association Staff

Your Association staff team are:

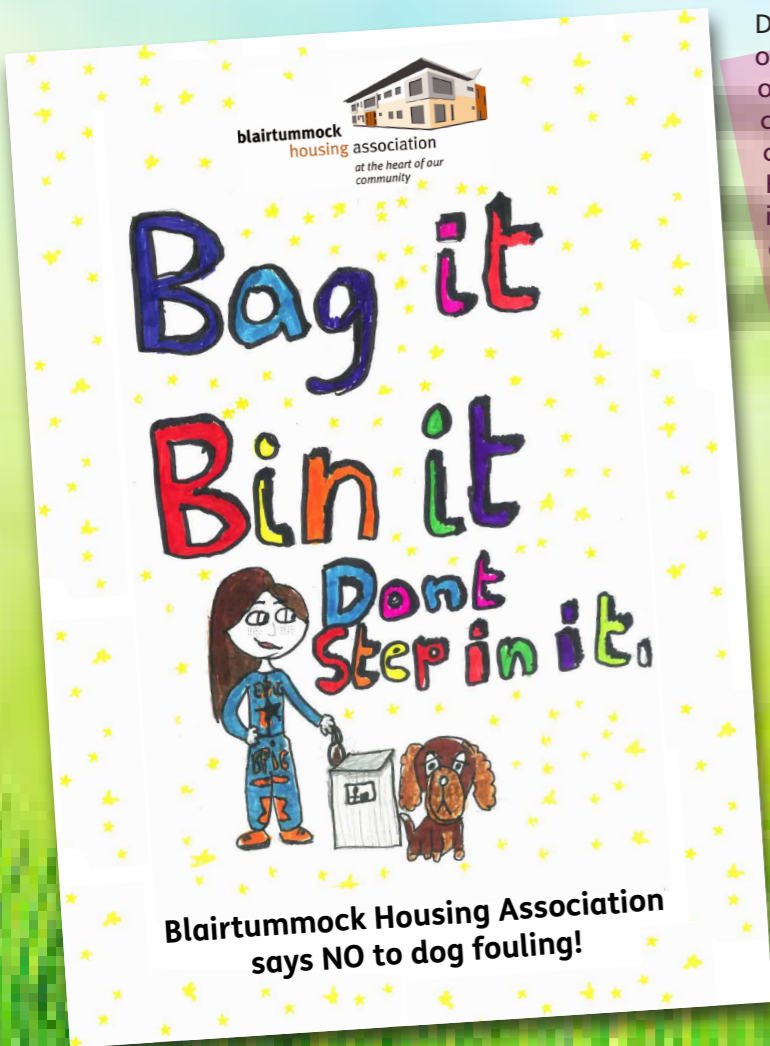
Jacqui O'Rourke	Director
John King	Housing Services Manager
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Eddy Ferguson	Community Regeneration Manager
James Hart	Maintenance Officer
Gina Kavanagh	Maintenance Assistant
Gillian Bell	Housing Officer – Tenancy Sustainment
Lisa Woodburn	Housing Officer – Income
David McNeil	Housing Assistant
Della McKelvie	PA/Office Manager
John Goodwin	Office Administrative Assistant
Sharon Cameron	Receptionist
Nicole Shaw	Modern Housing Apprentice

Blairtummock Housing says NO to dog fouling...

The Association ran a competition to design a poster about dog fouling.

Olivia Brothers' (age 11) eye catching design was the winning entry and the Association will be using this on posters and leaflets over the coming months.

Well done Olivia!



Dog fouling is the most offensive type of litter on our streets and is consistently raised as a concern by residents. Help us by reporting the inconsiderate dog owners who do not clean up after their pets!

To report dog fouling using social media, follow Glasgow City Council's Environmental Task Force on Twitter @theenvtaskforce or on Facebook Envtaskforce.

You can also report dog fouling in a public place by phoning the Council on 0141 287 1059.

If you fail to pick up your dog's mess you could be fined £80 by Glasgow City Council and you will also receive a breach of tenancy warning from Blairtummock Housing.



NOW OPEN Gladigator's Fun Factory

COME AND MEET GLADIGATOR OUR DANCING MASCOT
Sit back in our vibrant seating area and enjoy some delicious food with a full range of hot and cold drinks, and watch the children play on our 2 amazing play frames and dance with Gladigator and his friends.

WE ARE LOCATED ONLY 200M FROM THE
GLASGOW FORT SHOPPING CENTRE
7 Shandwick Street, Easterhouse G34 9DP

Monday - Thursday 10am till 6pm
Friday and Saturday 10am till 8pm • Sunday 11am-6pm
www.facebook.com/The-Gladigators-Fun-Factory

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Easterhouse Housing and Regeneration Alliance

**General Election Hustings
Glasgow East**

31st May 2017 • 7pm-9pm
Blairtummock Hall • 47 Boyndie Street
Glasgow G34 9JL

Worried about: Welfare Cuts? Sanctions?
Child Poverty? Brexit? Rape Clause?

Come along to our hustings event to question the candidates who are looking for your vote to be your MP in Westminster.

Transport available
All Welcome
Contact your local Housing Association/Cooperative office to book transport.

You can follow our work on Twitter @EHRA001
Information can also be found at:
www.scottishhousingconnections.com/Gardeen

Libraries

MACMILLAN @EASTERHOUSE LIBRARY

If you need to talk, we have the time to listen
Join us for a brew and a blether at your local library, every **Wednesday between 10.00am - 2.00pm.**
We're here to support anyone affected by cancer; including the person with the diagnosis and their families, friends and carers.
If you need to find out what's available to you in your area
Our volunteers are fully trained and will help you find all the right services in your local area. These include access to free massage, counselling (provided by Cancer Support Scotland), benefits advice and physical activity classes. There is no need to make an appointment, just drop in.

For more information please call us on 0141 287 2924 or email macmillan@glasgowlife.org.uk or www.glasgowlife.org.uk/macmillan

WE ARE MACMILLAN. CANCER SUPPORT



Coffee Morning

A coffee morning in aid of MacMillian Cancer Support is being held in Blairtummock Community Hall (next door to our office) on **Thursday 1st June 2017, 10am - 12 noon.**

All Welcome. Please come along and sample the wonderful home baking that will be on offer and support this very worthwhile cause.



Easterhouse Housing and Regeneration Alliance

A Charter to Challenge Poverty

For our tenants, we will:

- Support welfare benefits and money advice services in our areas to help with the changes to benefits.
- Support Jobs Clubs and employability programs in our areas, to help people into work and to avoid sanctions.
- Improve access to the internet to help Tenants access benefits and job opportunities.
- Work on our own, and with partners, to reduce child poverty in our communities.
- Provide opportunities for volunteering across a wide range of projects.
- Support projects in our area aimed at reducing Tenants energy costs.
- Keep rents affordable.
- Meet required energy efficiency standards in the housing we provide.



Platform

Summer Activity Highlights



As always there is a packed programme of activity at Platform, the arts centre at the heart of The Bridge.

One of the summer highlights is the summer arts camp, which provides 4 days of guaranteed fun during the summer holidays. Children can take part in music, drama, arts and dance each day and will have the opportunity to work on an exciting project to create something new to showcase at the Bridge Family Festival day on Sunday 30 July.

The family festival day offers a whole host of fun summer festivities, with something for all ages. Enjoy live music, children's activities, carnival drummers, sports tasters, a swimming pool party, community stalls and a Made in Easterhouse market with homemade arts & crafts, food and clothes. A great day out!

Summer Arts Camp
Tuesday 25 – Friday 28 July 2017
10am – 3pm
For ages 8 – 12 years
Ticketed - please book

Bridge Family Festival Day
Sunday 30 July 2017
12 – 4pm
All ages - free entry

Save The Date - Autumn Tea Dance



Following the runaway success of the Springtime Tea Dance at Platform we are delighted to announce the date for our autumn tea dance on **Friday 15 September 2017**. Join us for a whole lot of fun and a step back in time with a big band, tea, cakes, and more than enough quicksteps, foxtrots and waltzes to satisfy first-timers and veterans alike.

The Platform auditorium will be transformed into an amazing ballroom featuring beautiful handmade art works and table cloths created by local people.

Keep an eye on the website for tickets going on sale or sign up to the mailing list via our website www.platform-online.co.uk or by popping into or calling Platform's Box Office at The Bridge - 0141 276 9696 (opt 1).

