



Saughtonhall Community Association

Welcome

... to the Association for the community of Saughtonhall in Edinburgh.

The Association holds weekly groups such as parents and toddlers, child minders and ladies groups. We have had great success over the last year with our social events including community and craft fairs, music evenings, Christmas parties and a Burns supper as well as the annual Saughtonhall Fayre (see below and right for forthcoming events) (see over for AGM report). The Association depends on local volunteers for its office bearers and committee members to organise events. It also depends on them for the day to day running of our hall and the

'Rec', our recreation ground. Volunteers are always welcome and valued.

The association's hall, at 22a Saughtonhall Avenue, can be hired out for activities and events (discounts for members). It has a hall, kitchen and toilets and a pavillion looking out onto the recreation ground. Contact - Muriel Ross on 476 2390.

If you would like to find out more about us, or about the area, visit our website at www.saughtonhall.org.uk or contact any of the Committee members (see over) who would be pleased to talk to you about the association.

If you are not already a member, why not join us? It is a bargain at only £3 a year. Contact - Julie Happer, Membership Secretary, on 346 4515.

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Annual Craft Fair and Car Boot Sale

**Saturday
2 December 2006
10am - 1pm**

Thinking ahead to Christmas? Then why not clear out all those unwanted items and make some money, or come along and buy some real bargains.

Drinks and snacks will be available in the hall. Cost only £10 per stall (in the hall) for craft sellers or £5 per car boot (in the recreation area). If you want to book space, contact Bill Goodall on 476 2316. Donations also welcome - books, toys and home baking only, please - and can be brought round to the Rec Hall (22a Saughtonhall Avenue) the previous evening, Friday 1 December, 5 - 7pm.

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Forthcoming Events.....

**Saturday 27 January 2007
Burns Supper, 7pm for 7.30pm**
Food, drink, poetry, music, and more. Great night. Tickets £10 from Committee members.

**February or March 2007
Music Evening**
Featuring semi-professional soloists and also some young singers from within the community with Ann Scott, piano accompanist. Also featuring local instrumentalists.

.....watch this space



Children's Christmas Parties

**Saturday
9 December**

**Primary 1 - Primary 4,
3pm - 5pm**

**Primary 5 - Primary 7,
7pm - 9pm**

Tickets £4.00

**Contact Pat on 337
7570 or Carole on
337 6011**

Annual General Meeting 2006

The Community Association's annual general meeting was held on 5 September 2006.

Despite the wet and stormy night, members of the community turned out. We were especially pleased to have with us, as guest speakers from the police, Jason Kemp, Community Beat Officer, and Aneel Achall, Safer Communities.

Jason has been the beat officer for the Saughtonhall area since May 2005 and has a wide knowledge of the area. This is only, however, a small part of a huge area he covers, stretching all the way in to the West End.

Approximately 60 crimes are reported each month in the area ranging from house breaking to car crime and petty vandalism and about 40 youth

calls are received a month. These calls were usually to do with youths congregating in groups. He explained that while some people found this intimidating, young people have said they sometimes feel safer in groups.

Some concerns were expressed about cars speeding, particularly at night in Saughtonhall Drive. Anyone witnessing this was urged to call the *Force Control number (0131 229 2323) to report it, or Crime Stoppers on 0800 555 111*. This was even if they had not seen or recognised the driver or managed to note the number plate. At least it would make the police aware that speeding was a problem in the area.

One of the Association members asked what members of the commu-

nity could do to reduce crime in the area. Aneel suggested that a Neighbourhood Watch scheme could perhaps be considered as these operated very successfully in other areas.

Other business at the AGM covered reports on works carried out on the building and grounds and the events run over the year. Thanks were expressed to all the volunteers who had helped, particularly to Julie Happer for organising the Summer Fayre and Colin Wilkie for creating a stage for the event. Thanks were also expressed to Julie for her work on membership, Bill Goodall for keeping the accounts up to date, John Stevenson for setting up and updating the website and Gail Mullard for organising the Burns Supper.

News...

Congratulations to Alan and Irene

Our local greengrocer, Alan and Irene Mitchell have retired. The greengrocer shop will be a sad miss to the area but, thankfully, we'll still see Alan and Irene around as neighbours. The Mitchells have given fantastic support to the work of the Association over the years and that has been very much appreciated. Wishing you both a long and happy retirement.

Paving Upgraded

Some of the paving slabs at the front and side of the hall have had to be reset or replaced. This was an expensive project, costing slightly over £2,000, but was necessary for health and safety reasons. Please help to raise funds for the Association by supporting our forthcoming events.

Waste Awareness Grant

Bill Goodall, our Treasurer, has managed to secure a 'Waste Awareness' grant of £1959.11 from the City of Edinburgh Council. The grant is to help raise awareness of environmental issues and recycling opportunities.

The first event, a Home Composting Workshop, was held in June with an expert there to give advice on effective composting and provide details about the various compost bins available. It was really useful and informative and those attending were each given a free kitchen recycling box for storing peelings, etc, for composting later.

It is hoped to hold another waste awareness event in the new year. Issues we may look at are recycling mobile phones, baby clothes swap days, etc. If you have any ideas, please contact Bill on 476 2316.

Committee Members

Brian Carson (Chair) 337 4667

Vice Chair - vacant

Bill Goodall (Treasurer) 476 2316

Morag Stevenson (Secretary) 346 1646

Muriel Ross (Hall Convener) 476 2390

Julie Happer (Membership Secretary) 346 4515

Peggy Bridgewater (Apres) 337 7886

Ladies Club - rotating membership

Childminder Group - to be notified

Lesley Monaghan (Mother and Toddlers)

Fiona Coutts (Mother and Toddlers) 443 3090

Committee Members:

Pat Charlton 337 7570

Colin Happer 346 4515

Michelle Bruce 478 3416