

# Cutting Edge

December 2007 edition

**A briefing note produced by West Lothian Council  
for councillors and their communities**

This publication has been designed to keep you up to date with events and activities in West Lothian, and at ward level, over the coming months.

We hope that you find the information in this issue useful. If you would like to contribute to the next issue which we hope to distribute in February please email [communications@westlothian.gov.uk](mailto:communications@westlothian.gov.uk). Cutting Edge is also available online: [www.westlothian.gov.uk](http://www.westlothian.gov.uk)

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## **Information relevant to all wards and members:**

### **Class Act:**

Senior pupils at St Kentigern's Academy and Broxburn Academy are working with The Traverse Theatre to write new plays that will be performed at the Theatre in January.  
For information: Arts Services on 01506 777585

### **Ironstone 2 – New Writing Magazine:**

The second edition of the Ironstone new writing magazine has been published. It includes a very broad range of new poems and prose by West Lothian writers – some established and others being published for the first time.  
For information: Arts Services on 01506 777585

### **Public Art:**

Arts Services and Planning have joined forces to publish a draft Public Art Strategy. This has been widely distributed for consultation and feedback is being incorporated into proposals for the formal strategy.  
For information: Arts Services on 01506 777585

### **Huntercoombe Arts Programme:**

The Arts Education Service has completed a series of taster sessions in different arts with Huntercoombe Hospital in Ecclesmachan. They are working together to create a full programme around the most successful taster sessions.  
For information: Arts Services on 01506 777585

### **Online ticketing service for the Arts :**

A full programme of performances, classes and events can be booked through a new online ticketing service available on the council's website [www.westlothian.gov.uk](http://www.westlothian.gov.uk).  
For information: Arts Services on 01506 777585

**Priority 1 Planning Briefs for West Lothian New Build Housing Phase 1:**

Four planning briefs for a new council housing programme are completed and are now part of information for the tender process.

For information: Chris Alcorn on 01506 775274

**Supplementary Planning Guidance: Developer Contributions Policy:**

The planning guidance has been completed and a leaflet is now available.

For information: Steve McLucas on 01506 775268

**Volunteer of the Year Award:**

Carol Owen, a volunteer health walk leader from Broxburn has won Volunteer of the Year in this year's awards run by Volunteer Centre West Lothian. Carol has been involved in the Health Walk Development project for almost four years and has been an inspiration to others.

For information: Rili Craig 01506 775207

**Funding for Environment Fair 2008:**

Planning for the 2008 Environment Fair can begin after a three-year funding commitment was secured with SNH. Over 500 children from primary schools visited last year's fair and over 20 environmental organisations participated.

For information: John Sheldon on 01506 775278

**Rights of way:**

A survey information pack has been prepared for the ranger service to pilot for future monitoring of rights of way and core paths. For the first time, this will enable reports to lead to improvements for public access on the most popular routes.

For information: David Oldham on 01506 775 249

**A 'Guide to Good Health' to tackle inequalities:**

A 'Guide to Good Health' has been written to tackle inequalities in the health of homeless people in West Lothian. The 72-page health resource targets homeless people and the people who work with them by providing a wealth of advice and information on a variety of health topics. Topics cover a wide array of details from help from local libraries, to information on bereavement, to good hygiene tips.

For information: Brenda Kane on 01506 773706

**Older People's Day Care Review:**

Proposals have been considered by Scrutiny Panels. Consultation with Voluntary Sector providers continues meantime regarding possible developments in future provision.

For information: Ronnie Barneson 01506 775666

**Joint Lothian Physical and Complex Disability Strategy:**

A Summary Report will be circulated outlining proposals for future service design for 16 to 65 year olds. Consultation will take place in four Lothian authorities and NHS Lothian until January 2008.

For information: Jill Derby on 01506 775666

**Bulletin:**

The next edition of Bulletin, the council newspaper, is scheduled to be delivered to every household week commencing 25 February 2008.

For information: Ian Kyle on 01506 777133

**Countryside opening times**

West Lothian Country Parks and countryside areas are open throughout the festive period. Although Visitor Centres are closed on the public holidays, visitors are welcome to enjoy the Park areas on any day. The **Caravan Site** at Beecraigs will also be open throughout. Fishing on Beecraigs Loch along with golf and driving range at Polkemmet also available.

For information: Almondell and Calderwood Country Park 01506 882254; Beecraigs Country Park 01506 844516 ; Polkemmet Country Park 01501 743905

### **Christmas trees**

A variety of locally grown Christmas Trees will be offered for sale at Beecraigs Country Park from Thursday 6 – 21 December. All shapes and sizes will be available from the Park Centre, 1 – 3.30pm weekdays and 10am – 3.30pm weekends.

For information: Beecraigs Country Park on 01506 844516

### **Beecraigs outdoor pursuits**

Archery courses for both adults and children will start in January and February 2008. Archery will also be available on Friday afternoons as part of a project encouraging school children to take part in more activities outwith school time, leading to a more active life. Outdoor Pursuits have already successfully introduced Friday afternoon snowboarding lessons at Polmont ski-slope, and plan to continue this into the New Year.

For information: Beecraigs Country Park on 01506 882254

### **Friends of countryside**

A new scheme to encourage local people to get involved in the countryside is being piloted by West Lothian Countryside Ranger Service. The programme will run from February – July 2008 and will include a variety of events including tree planting, community clear-ups and wildflower counts.

For information: Almondell and Calderwood Country Park on 01506 882254

### **'Walking in West Lothian'**

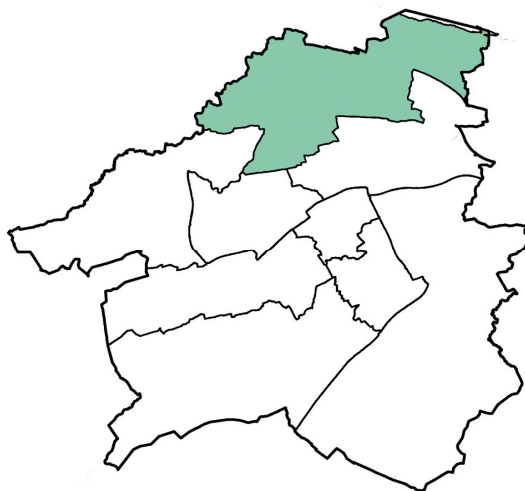
A new leaflet promoting walking in West Lothian has been produced by two council employees, Jim McKenna and Kerry Houston. The leaflet costs 80p and is widely available from Country Park Visitor Centres and libraries.

For information: Jim McKenna, Beecraigs Country Park on 01506 848946

### **School Christmas lunches**

All schools will be offering children the opportunity to attend a Christmas Dinner on a preset day throughout December.

For information: [Elizabeth Wark on 01506 777826](mailto:Elizabeth.Wark@westlothian.gov.uk)



### **Ward 1 - Linlithgow**

#### **Linlithgow Bus Services**

Following deregistration of Horsburgh 274 service (Livingston-Linlithgow) West Lothian Council has funded a partial replacement (431) which ensures that the Friars Brae area

continues to be served and that there are links between Bridgend and St John's Hospital retained.

For information: Roy Mitchell on 01506 775282

#### **Newton bus services**

Horsburgh has registered a commercial South Queensferry to Livingston service, providing Newton residents a bus every hour to South Queensferry and one every 30 minutes to Livingston (in addition to the two hourly main day South Queensferry- Linlithgow- Bathgate facility).

For information: Roy Mitchell on 01506 775282

#### **Linlithgow Arts Guild**

1 December - Micallef and Inanga piano Duo – Linlithgow Academy theatre at 7.30pm - for tickets call: 01506 844645

#### **Linlithgow library provides free wi-fi**

Four West Lothian libraries are set to become 'hotspots' for free wireless internet access. Wi-fi hotspots have been introduced at Bathgate, Carmondean, Linlithgow and Whitburn libraries, which will allow the public to bring in their own wi-fi enabled laptop, personal digital assistant (PDA) or mobile phone, and access the web for free.

For information: Eva Kennedy on 01506 776341

#### **Play areas**

The upgrading of Preston Road play area, Linlithgow is scheduled to commence during February 2008.

For information: Colin Bell, 01506 776629

#### **Business development land for sale**

The council is marketing a development site in Mill Road Industrial Estate, Linlithgow for sale or lease. The plot is 0.18 ha (0.44 acres) and is available for a purpose built development only. A closing date has been set for 24 January and offers in excess of £75,000 are invited.

For information: Graeme Carracher on 01506 775756

#### **Roof repairs Low Port Centre**

Work is due to start in December and last for two weeks.

For information: Ian Forman on 01506 776537

#### **Springfield Road, Linlithgow – School Crossing Path**

Tender or issue works orders by the end of January.

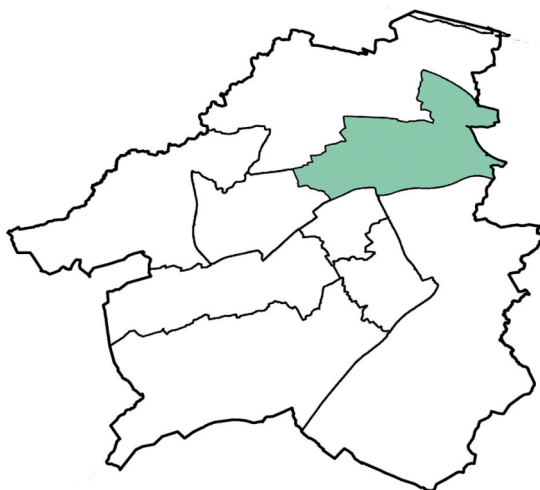
For information: Ronnie Fisher on 01506 775304

#### **Deer walks**

Meet Santa's magical helpers on a Christmas Deer Walk in December.

#### **BOOKING ESSENTIAL.**

For information: Beecraigs Country Park on 01506 844516



## **Ward 2 - Broxburn, Uphall and Winchburgh**

### **Christmas activities**

8 December – Christmas in Broxburn – Santa’s Parade from Port Buchan at 1.15pm, Santa will be at Broxburn Parish Church Hall from 2pm.

For information: Anna Lightbody on 01506 777947

### **Broxburn Library**

21 February – Strathbrock stories – local collection – this time on display is a World War 1 military medal which was awarded to Corporal Robert Beveridge from Broxburn.

For information: Elizabeth Henderson on 01506 776347

### **Kirkhill Primary School**

Aiming for its third Green Flag, Kirkhill Primary School is developing a new garden with the work being carried out by West Lothian Council.

For information: Anne Moir, Head Teacher on 01506 853821

### **Business development land for sale**

The council is marketing a development site in East Mains Industrial Estate, Broxburn for sale or lease. The plot is 0.58 ha (1.4 acres) and is available for a purpose built development only. A closing date has been set for 24 January and offers in excess of £185,000 are invited.

For information: Graeme Carracher on 01506 775756

### **Drovers Road, East Mains Industrial Estate, site compound**

Design work has started.

For information: Ronnie Fisher on 01506 775304

### **A89 Uphall to Dechmont Cycleway**

Tenders or issue works orders by the end of December.

For information: Ronnie Fisher on 01506 775304



### **Ward 3 - Livingston North**

#### **Healthlink service**

Additional services, funded by West Lothian Council, now run from St John's Hospital, Livingston Bus Terminal and Royal Infirmary of Edinburgh. There are now nine return journeys a day between Monday to Friday and five at weekends.

For information: Roy Mitchell on 01506 775282

#### **Knightsridge Christmas Fun Day**

A Christmas Fun Day will take place on 9 December at Mosswood Community Education Centre. Activities include an assault course, face painting, party games, arts and crafts and a disco. Refreshments will also be provided. The Fun Day is open to children aged 5 to 12 who live in Knightsridge.

For information: Graham Whitelaw on 777355.

#### **Carmondean library provides free wi-fi**

Four West Lothian libraries are set to become 'hotspots' for free wireless internet access. Wi-fi hotspots have been introduced at Bathgate, Carmondean, Linlithgow and Whitburn libraries, which will allow the public to bring in their own wi-fi enabled laptop, personal digital assistant (PDA) or mobile phone, and access the web for free.

For information: Eva Kennedy on 01506 776341

#### **Open Space Strategy**

Plans are progressing to provide park facilities to the North of Eliburn Reservoir (Eliburn Park). Work is expected to start in summer 2008.

For information: Howard Dawson on 01506 776604



#### **Ward 4 - Livingston South**

##### **Healthlink service**

Additional services, funded by West Lothian Council, now run from St John's Hospital, Livingston Bus Terminal and Royal Infirmary of Edinburgh. There are nine return journeys a day on Monday to Friday and five at weekends.

For information: Roy Mitchell on 01506 775282

##### **Brucefield Industrial Estate**

A working group involving the agent for the owner, SEPA, Scottish Water and the council, has been re-established to tackle residual pollution sources within the estate. Early reports on the effectiveness of an associated water treatment plant introduced by the council at Bellsquarry indicate a significant improvement of the Dedridge Burn. The initiative to clean up the burn from source to the Almond has now been restarted.

For information contact:: John Sheldon on 01506 775278

##### **Open Space Strategy**

The upgrading of Heatherbank Park, Ladywell, is scheduled to start during February 2008.

For information: Howard Dawson on 01506 776604

##### **Play areas**

The upgrading of Falconer Rise play area is underway. The upgrading of Granby Avenue play area, Howden, is scheduled to start during January 2008.

For information: Colin Bell on 01506 776629

##### **Underage drinking launch**

A national launch of an initiative to cut down on under-age drinking will take place at Morrisons Superstore in Livingston on 5 December. The scheme will allow 16-year-olds to be used for test-purchasing.

For information: Vicki Quinn (Justice Department) on 0131 244 2939

##### **Civic Centre road improvements**

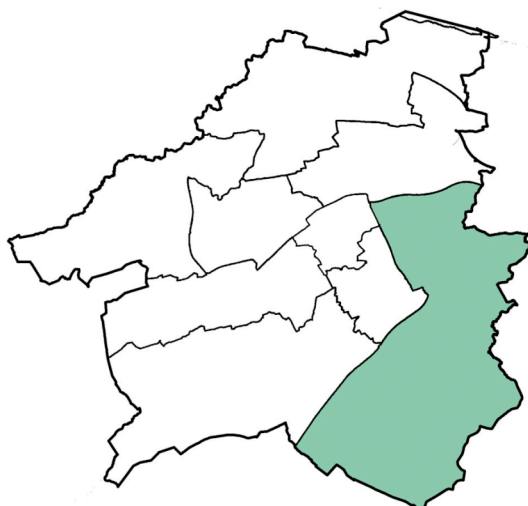
The design of the four schemes is progressing as programmed with local widening works at Terrace Roundabout and Howden South Road/Almondvale East Road to be completed by May 2008; the traffic signal junction works to be completed by May 2008; the traffic signal junction works to be completed in November 2008; and the northern Link Road works to be completed by January 2009.

For information: Ronnie Fisher on 01506 775304

### **Howden South Road**

Remedial works are required to a masonry wall adjacent to the road, opposite the Civic Centre, which came to light after excavation for a footpath next to the wall was started. A report detailing the works required should be completed by early December.

For information: Sandy Young on 01506 775389



### **Ward 5 - Livingston East and East Calder**

#### **Healthlink service**

Additional services, funded by West Lothian Council, now run from St John's Hospital, Livingston Bus Terminal and Royal Infirmary of Edinburgh. There are now nine return journeys a day between Monday to Friday and five at weekends.

For information: Roy Mitchell on 01506 775282

#### **Kirknewton Primary School**

The school is holding a **Christmas Fayre** for parents and friends of the school on 7 December from 10.30am. The children are also holding a Carol Concert on 12 December from 6.30pm for parents and friends of the school.

For information: Jean Fleming, Head Teacher, on 01506 881461

#### **Play area**

The upgrading of Letham Park, Craigshill, is scheduled to commence during February 2008.

For information: Colin Bell on 01506 776629

#### **Planning application**

A planning application including a masterplan for the comprehensive development of land at Drumshoreland will be submitted by the council, David Wilson Homes and J Smart during the week beginning 17 December.

For information: Jack Orr on 01506 775792

#### **Remedial Works, Craigsfarm Bowling Pavilion**

Works are due to start in December and are expected to last for five weeks.

For information: Ian Forman on 01506 776537

### **Kirknewton Level Crossing**

Along with network Riad, progress continues to be made on advancing the desing for the new road and underbridge which will allow the existing level crossing to be closed.

For information: Billy Thompson on 01506 775295

### **Langton Road, East Calder, enhancements to zebra crossing**

Initial consultation has started.

For information: Ronnie Fisher on 01506 775304

### **Christmas crackers**

Make Christmas decorations with natural materials at '*Merry Christmas Crafts*' on Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> December at 2pm, at Almondell.

For information: Almondell and Calderwood Country Park on 01506 882254

### **Native woodland**

Countryside Section is currently seeking funding to extend the boundaries of the ancient woodland of Calderwood, around the new Community Recycling Centre under construction at Oakbank. If successful, local community groups and conservation volunteers will be involved in the planting of 8000 native trees and shrubs.

For information: Richard Bamlet, Beecraigs Country Park, on 01506 844516

### **Oakbank Community Recycling Centre**

Oakbank Community Recycling Centre is nearing completion and awaiting the grant of a license from SEPA, which will then see the site ready for opeinging in January.

For information: Tom McCormack on 01506 776211

### **Play areas**

The upgrading of Letham Park, Craigshill is scheduled to commence during February 2008.

For information: Colin Bell on 01506 77629



### **Ward 6 - Fauldhouse and the Breich Valley**

**Woodmuir Primary School's** Parent's Forum is meeting in the school on Tuesday 4 December at 6pm. All parents are invited to attend. **Woodmuir Primary School** is having its Christmas Service on Thursday 20 December at 10.30am in the Breich Valley Church in Bents to which all parents and friends are invited.

Pupils at **Woodmuir** and **Longridge** primary schools are currently skiing at Polmont Ski Centre and are heading off to Italy in March next year. If any adults wish to learn to ski please contact Mrs Aitken at the school.

Scottish Ballet is coming to **Woodmuir and Longridge** primary schools on the 5 December. The children will then attend a full performance of Sleeping Beauty in January at the Festival Theatre.

**Longridge Primary School** is having its Christmas Service in the Breich Valley Church on Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> December in Bents. All parents and friends are invited to attend. The service will be conducted by Rev Tom Preston and the pupils.

The next Parent Forum meeting for **Longridge Primary School** is on Monday 4 February to which all parents are invited.

For information: Elsie Aitken, Head Teacher on [01501 770208](tel:01501770208)

#### **Kings Square/Kings Crescent, West Calder**

Work is due to start on roof replacements at the beginning of December and last for four weeks.

For information: Ian Forman on [01506 776537](tel:01506776537)

#### **Play area**

The upgrading of Meadowhead play area in Addiebrownhill play area is now complete. The facility boasts a range of stimulating equipment for children of all ages and abilities.

For information: Colin Bell on [01506 776629](tel:01506776629)

#### **Stoneyburn War Memorial – Stonework Scheme**

A design to upgrade Stoneyburn Memorial has been agreed with Stoneyburn Community Council and should start on site in early January (frost permitting).

For information: Gerry Kane on [01506 775275](tel:01506775275)

#### **Fauldhouse turning circle**

Tenders are being sought for the construction of the new turning circle – work is due to be completed by spring 2008.

For information: Roy Mitchell on [01506 775282](tel:01506775282)

#### **Site for a Health Centre**

The proposed sale of the land at Burngrange to GPI for the construction of a new Health Centre has been put on hold, pending the resolution of contractual issues between the developer and the local GPs. The relocation of West Calder Juniors to Hermand Park, which is necessary to allow the Burngrange site to be sold, has also been postponed.

For information: Tracey Thomson on [01506 775789](tel:01506775789)

#### **City Farm Footbridge**

Work will start on 5 December on the demolition of City Farm Footbridge. City Farm Footbridge is located on the public footpath that runs between Easter Breich and West Calder and crosses the Breich Water.

For information: Adam Watt on [01506 775393](tel:01506775393)

#### **Roof replacements Woodmuir Place, Breich**

Work is due to start in January and expected to last for seven weeks.

For information: Ian Forman on [01506 776537](tel:01506776537)

#### **Addiewell Primary School**

Work has started on the design work for a car park extension.

For information: Ronnie Fisher on [01506 775304](tel:01506775304)

#### **B7010 and B7015 Fauldhouse, Village Gateways and traffic calming**

Statutory consultation for the introduction of road humps has started.

For information: Ronnie Fisher on 01506 775304

### **Play area**

The upgrading of Meadowhead play area in Addiebrownhill play area is now complete. The upgrading of Limefield Park, Polbeth, is scheduled to start during February.

For information: Colin Bell on 01506 776629

### **West Calder Bus Service**

Following Horsburgh's service extension of routes 557 and 558 to serve Parkhead a meeting was held with residents. It has been agreed to move one bus stop site.

For information: Roy Mitchell on 01506 775282

### **Levenseat – landfill and waste management progress**

Discussions are well advanced over the unopposed modification order of Levenseat landfill and will be subject to community consultation in January.

For information: Chris Norman on 01506 775224

### **Windfarms update**

Plans for amendments to Pates Hill windfarm are under assessment. Developers for the Tormywheel wind farm are seeking the discharge of conditions.

For information: Chris Norman on 01506 775224

### **Open cast update**

Plans for Pates Hill opencast have been delayed until after the New Year. Consultation is on-going over Headlesscross Opencast application in North Lanarkshire.

For information: Chris Norman 01506 775224

### **Other news from Development Control**

Agreement has been reached between the council and Forest Enterprise over Braehead Woods future; and an appeal has been lodged over the refusal of permission for a building at Allardyce premises at Breich crossroads.

For information: Chris Norman on 01506 775224



### **Ward 7 - Whitburn and Blackburn**

#### **Candidate Core Path Upgrades**

The new footbridge across the River Almond at Seafield was installed in September. The installation of a new bridge at City Farm has been delayed until August 2008 but the dangerous bridge may be demolished shortly as it is proving impossible to stop the public from using it.

For information: David Oldham on 01506 775249

### **Scottish Business in the Community**

Networking lunch – 5 December, 12pm to 2pm, Hillcroft Hotel, East Main Street, Whitburn.  
Theme: Breaking the unemployment cycle through education. The cost is nil however availability is limited.

For information: [Christine Murphy on 01506 777348](mailto:Christine.Murphy@westlothian.gov.uk) or email:  
[christine.Murphy@westlothian.gov.uk](mailto:christine.Murphy@westlothian.gov.uk)

### **Whitburn library provides free wi-fi**

Four West Lothian libraries are set to become 'hotspots' for free wireless internet access. The wi-fi hotspots will allow the public to bring in their own wi-fi enabled laptop, personal digital assistant (PDA) or mobile phone, and access the web for free.

For information: [Eva Kennedy on 01506 776341](mailto:Eva.Kennedy@westlothian.gov.uk)

### **Beechwood Road Flats, Blackburn**

Work has started on the external upgrade of insulated roughcast and roof replacements with completion due in four weeks.

For information: [Ian Forman on 01506 776537](mailto:Ian.Forman@westlothian.gov.uk)

### **Metal railing replacements, Lochs Scheme, Whitburn**

Around 400 metres of metal railing will be replaced at various locations within the Lochs areas. Work is due to start in December and last for around eight weeks.

For information: [Albert Hughes on 01506 773730](mailto:Albert.Hughes@westlothian.gov.uk)

### **Fire damage refurbishment works – Blackburn Community Centre**

Refurbishment work is due to start in December and continue for 12 weeks.

For information: [Ian Forman on 01506 776537](mailto:Ian.Forman@westlothian.gov.uk)

### **Proposed crematorium**

Offers have been received for the lease of a site at Cousland Wood for the erection of a crematorium. These will be considered at a meeting of the Council Executive early in 2008.

For information contact: [Graeme Carracher on 01506 775790](mailto:Graeme.Carracher@westlothian.gov.uk)

### **King George V Park – Woodland Improvements**

The NETs and Lands Services Team will carry out work over the winter. The aim is to improve the health of the shelter belt and improve access for litter clearance, and improve bio-diversity and safety.

For information contact: [Tony Fleming on 01506 437491](mailto:Tony.Fleming@westlothian.gov.uk)

### **House plot for sale**

The council is marketing a house plot in Hen's Nest Road, East Whitburn. The plot is c500 sq.m (0.12 acres) and a closing date has been set for 24 January. Offers in excess of £95,000 are invited.

For information: [Janet Rutherford on 01506 775752](mailto:Janet.Rutherford@westlothian.gov.uk)

### **Business development land for sale**

The council is marketing a development site in Mill Road Industrial Estate, Linlithgow for sale or lease. The plot is 1.15 ha (2.85 acres) and is suitable only for a storage and distribution use. A closing date has been set for 24 January and offers in excess of £150,000 are invited.

For information: [Graeme Carracher on 01506 775756](mailto:Graeme.Carracher@westlothian.gov.uk)

### **Heartlands Business Park**

A site start is imminent on the introduction of infrastructure into the Business Park at Heartlands in a joint venture between the council and Ecosse Regeneration/Royal Bank of Scotland. Plots are expected to be ready for development in the autumn of 2008.

For information: [Paul Kettrick on 01506 775757](mailto:Paul.Kettrick@westlothian.gov.uk)

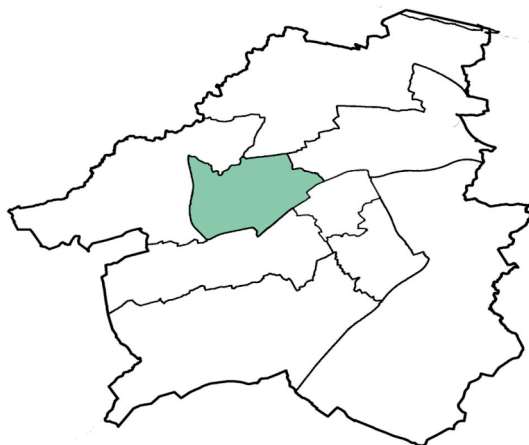
### **Whitburn Academy**

Whitburn Academy's annual Christmas Concert will be held in the assembly hall on Tuesday 18 December at 7.30pm. Tickets priced £3.00 (£2.00 concessions) can be purchased from the school office 01501 740675 or at the door on the evening of the concert.

### **Polkemmet Regeneration**

Plans for the final restoration contours of the Polkemmet site adjacent to the Longridge and Faulhouse road have been finalised and will be subject to discussion with the Communities. Housing developers for the Polkemmet site, which includes some 30 houses in Longridge have now began discussions with Ecosse.

For information: Sarah Collings on 01506 775275



### **Ward 8 - Bathgate**

#### **West Lothian Youth Theatre**

19 to 22 December – West Lothian Youth Theatre present The Wizard of Oz.

For information: The regal Community Theatre Box Office: 01506 433634.

#### **Bathgate library provides free wi-fi**

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For information: Eva Kennedy on 01506 776341

#### **Wester Inch**

A planning application has been submitted by the council for a residential development on its own land.

For information: Graeme Carracher on 01506 775756

#### **Ballencrieff Toll, wall replacement**

Replacement of external retaining wall at Ballencrieff Toll with works starting this month and they are expected to last for eight weeks.

For information: Ian Forman on 01506 776537

#### **Bathgate – Airdrie Railway update**

Advanced works are progressing on the double tracking, bridges and associated station works between Edinburgh and Bathgate. Network Rail continues to hold local community forums and these will continue throughout the period of works. Information is available on [www.airdriebathgaterailink.co.uk](http://www.airdriebathgaterailink.co.uk)

For information: Billy Thompson on 01506 775294

**Boghall, Bathgate – traffic calming**

Tender or issue works orders by the end of December.

For information: Ronnie Fisher on 01506 775304

**Race Road, Bathgate – traffic calming**

Tender or issue works orders by the end of December.

For information: Ronnie Fisher on 01506 775304

**Ward 9 - Armadale and Blackridge**

**Blackridge Primary School** is holding a Christmas Fayre on 7 December in the school hall from 1.30pm. All welcome. Nativity Plays on Monday 17 and 18 December at 1.15pm for parents and friends of the school.

For information: Gillian Millar, Head Teacher, on 01501 751223

**Armadale Community Centre**

The centre is holding a **Children's Fun Day**, on 7 December from 10am to 5pm. All children are welcome. Tickets to see Santa will be available on the day.

**Indoor Bowling** – for older members of the community on a Monday and Thursday. Phone for details.

**Playgroup** – the community centre also runs a playgroup – Monday to Friday from 9am to 11.15am for children aged two to four years.

For information: Cath Brown on 01501 678571

**House plot for sale**

Property Management and Development is marketing a house plot in Main Street, Blackridge. The plot is 567 sq.m (0.14 acres) and a closing date has been set for 24 January. Offers in excess of £80,000 are invited.

For information: Janet Rutherford on 01506 775752

**A89 Armadale, Gateway and Traffic Calming on A89 at East End**

Consultation has started.

For information: Ronnie Fisher on 01506 775304

**Play area**

The upgrading of Blackridge Park play area is scheduled to start during January.

For information: Colin Bell on 01506 76629