

Cutting Edge

June/July 2009 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 interesting. Remember to check the council's website for news and information.

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Information relevant to all wards and members:

Councillors' surgeries – the dates, times and venues of Councillors' surgeries are available online at www.westlothian.gov.uk/surgeries as well as Council Information Service (CIS) centres and libraries.

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Spotlight – In this month's Cutting Edge, we are spotlighting the youth activities taking place during the summer months. Ward pages give dates, times and details of events taking place in each area.

No Messin' - The Network Rail No Messin' event will take place at Inveralmond High School on Wednesday 22 July. The event will continue to educate young people of the dangers that railways can bring, as well as encouraging them to take up safer activities with their friends. The day plays host to a series of fun activities including a Game Zone, DJ mixing, boxing, dance and street soccer and much more.

Physical activity - Organisations in West Lothian interested in creating new and innovative opportunities for those who have not been previously involved with physical activities to become active could be eligible for a grant. Applications are invited for grants up to £2,500 and will be particularly welcome from groups requiring initial start-up funds. For further information, or for an application form, please contact Jen Johnston on 01506 771792, or email jen.johnston@westlothian.gov.uk The closing date for applications is Monday 28 September.

Scotland's Mental Health First Aid - is a two-day course, which teaches trainees the skills to help someone who is developing a mental health problem or is experiencing a mental health crisis. The course will run from 9.30am to 4pm on Monday 24 and Tuesday 25 August at the Volunteer Centre, Bathgate.

Summer Programme ARTS4U – is a series of workshops and short courses for young people in West Lothian during the summer holidays, provided by the council's Arts Services. Places are limited and must be booked in advance. For further information and to book, telephone 01506 777666 or email box.office@westlothian.gov.uk

- High School musical week. Learn to sing, act and dance sections of High School Musical 2, working with professional specialist tutors. Perform for family and friends at the end of the week. Taking place at the Regal Community Theatre, Bathgate, from Monday 6 to Friday 10 July. Age: 5 – 7, 9am – 12.30pm. Age: 8 – 11, 1.30 – 5pm. Tickets cost £30.
- Breakin for boys. Learn breakin', lockin' and poppin' with John Edmiston, who leads all the boys breakin' groups in West Lothian. At the end of the week youngsters will perform as a crew. Taking place at the Regal Community Theatre, Bathgate, from Monday 13 to Friday 17 July. Age: 8 – 11, 10am – 12noon. Tickets: £20.

Exhibition - Sharmanka! Travelling Circus of Kinetic Sculptures - The Sharmanka 'Travelling Circus' exhibit is made up of hundreds of carved figures and pieces of old scrap, which perform an incredible choreography to haunting music and synchronised light, telling the funny and tragic stories of the human spirit as it struggles against the relentless circles of life and death. The exhibition runs at Howden Park Centre from Wednesday 8 July to Saturday 8 August. Opening hours are: Monday – Saturday, 9am - 9pm. Sunday, 11am – 5pm. Admission is free.

West Lothian Race Forum – is now up and running, following a well attended first meeting. Amongst matters arising were the role of the Forum, a job description of what is expected from the office bearers and a number of issues to be tackled in the first year. For more information, contact Karen Cawte on 01506 774035 or Kenny Selbie on 01506 777136.

Community Learning and Development - are running English classes for families over the summer period at Livingston Station Youth Centre. Classes meet between 9.30am and 11.30am on Tuesdays. The classes are aimed at helping families to learn English together through songs, games, books and art. Classes are free. For more information contact Linda on 01506 777506

Summer library activities – A variety of activities is taking place throughout the summer at libraries. All activities are free, but places may be limited, so please contact your local library for further details on 01506 777500.

West Lothian Libraries - are taking part in the celebrations for Homecoming. Local libraries have new displays promoting Scottish literature as well as a list of Scottish authors to help you choose your next book. This year also marks the 150th anniversary of Sherlock Holmes's creator, Sir Arthur Conan Doyle. Members of the public will be able to cast a vote for their favourite Scottish author. Voting ends on 31 October and voting slips will be available from all libraries. The top 20 Scottish authors will be announced on St Andrew's day with your favourite author receiving West Lothian Libraries' *Scot Scribever Award*.

Quest Seekers - Children's Summer Reading Challenge: Sign up at your local library and embark on a fantastic adventure to be a Quest Seeker!! The Summer Reading Challenge blasts off in libraries during the summer holidays. Children can help our three Quest Seekers, Raj, Belle and Louis to complete a three-staged challenge to find the golden book. For more information, please contact your local library or visit <http://www.westlothian.gov.uk/tourism/libservices/468/>

Recycling centres - The performance of the Community Recycling Centres for 2008/2009 has been calculated. All of the sites are performing well and far exceed their key performance indicators. The average recycling rates for the last financial year (08/09) are as follows:

Site	Average Recycling Rate 2007/2008	KPI target %	Average Recycling Rate 2008/2009
Blackburn	33%	25	45%
Broxburn	47%	30	53%
Deans	30%	25	48%
Linlithgow	51%	30	62%
Whitburn	46%	37	45%
Oakbank	70%*	50	52%

*Oakbank opened in March 2008, and was only operational for 3 weeks during 2007/2008, therefore this rate is not representative.

Householders' perception of the sites will be measured in our annual customer survey, and this may provide us with additional information to make further improvements.

Put Your West Foot Forward - offers weekly health walks throughout West Lothian. A programme of evening walks is now available. Walking briskly for 30 minutes everyday can improve and maintain your health so pick up the phone now and call Rili Craig on 01506 775207 for a copy of the walk programme.

Schools' out – Schools in West Lothian close from lunchtime on Friday 26 June for the summer holiday break. They re-open for staff on 17 August and for pupils on 18 August.

Countryside section

Country Parks - Almondell and Calderwood, Beecraigs and Polkemmet Country Parks are open throughout the year with Visitor Centres now open on summer hours. Enjoy a woodland walk, a relaxing coffee, a picnic or an energetic visit to our play areas – there's something for everyone.

. For information, contact:

- Almondell and Calderwood 01506 882254 almondell&calderwood@westlothian.gov.uk
- Beecraigs 01506 844516 mail@beecraigs.com
- Polkemmet 01501 743905 polkemmet@westlothian.gov.uk

The Outdoor Pursuits - team is offering a great range of exciting and challenging activities throughout the summer. These include rock climbing, canoeing, archery, orienteering and pioneering activities. You can take part in 1/2 day, full day or even five-day multi-activity courses. The courses are open to adults and young people, catering in particular for the school holiday period. For further information and bookings please contact Beecraigs or e-mail: beecraigsoutdoors@westlothian.gov.uk

New tariffs - are now available for caravan and camping site, outdoor pursuit activities, BBQs, fishing sawmill products, golf and driving range.

Polkemmet Play Area – was eagerly awaited and is now open to the public.

Polkemmet Golf Course - is a 37 par, nine-hole golf course with a demanding picturesque last green reached by a shot over the river valley. The course is open from 6.45am - 9.30pm seven days, prices start from £5.85 for nine holes for adults. Season Tickets start from £100 for the year. The driving range is open from 10am - 9.30pm Monday – Friday and from 9am - 9.30pm at weekends. Prices are from £1.35 for 25 balls. Loyalty cards are also available.

Club-golf at Polkemmet – is led by a qualified coach. The club offers a Clubgolf Stage 1 programme, a 40-hour course covering the fundamentals of putting, chipping, full swing, rules and etiquette using the golf course, putting green and driving range within the Park. With the Countryside Section and Clubgolf supplying all the clubs, it takes out the cost implications for the children who attend. Junior coaching (7-12yrs) will be continuing throughout the summer at Polkemmet. Contact the Park Centre on 01501 743905.

Fly-fishing - on Beecraigs Loch. Boats are available for hire between 9am and 4pm and from 4.30pm to 10.30pm in four-hour sessions at competitive prices. Concessions and junior angling are also available.

Livingston Youth Trust - provides financial assistance to individual young people from Livingston as a contribution towards their advancement in the specific fields of the Arts, Sport and Music. The Trust also considers general applications from individuals, groups of young people and from organisations working with young people and based in Livingston. Grants are open to all young people under the age of 21 or organisations working with young people under the age of 21 with an active interest in a chosen field, but where the individuals or organisations are not in a position to develop that interest from their own resources. An application form and guidelines can be downloaded from the Community News section of the council website.

Events Calendar - Arts Services is establishing a new electronic events calendar, listing all the annual art events that take place across West Lothian. This first edition is expected to run from August 2009 to July 2010. If you would like your event included in the first events calendar, please email information to anne-marie.vance@westlothian.gov.uk. The types of things that would be included are annual exhibitions, annual concerts, performances, festivals etc. Normal committee meetings and AGMs will not be included in the calendar. The information that you need to send is the name of the organisation, the name of the event, date, time and the website address of your group.

International Work - West Lothian German Youth Exchange 09 takes place from 27 July to 6 August. This year's project, based at the Lowport Centre, Linlithgow, is hosted by 14 West Lothian teenagers. The 16 German visitors travel across from Meschede and Brilon in the Sauerland. The council official link with Hochsauerlandkreis moves into its 36th year.

The nine locality planning officers and their wards are listed below:

- **Ward 1 – Linlithgow – Rona Gold**
- **Ward 2 – Broxburn/Uphall/Winchburgh – Linda Owen**
- **Ward 3 – Livingston North – Benny Lynch**
- **Ward 4 – Livingston South – Dougie Grierson**
- **Ward 5 – East Livingston and East Calder – Pete Moir**
- **Ward 6 – Fauldhouse and Breich Valley – Clare Summers**
- **Ward 7 – Whitburn and Blackburn Scott McKillop**
- **Ward 8 – Bathgate – Jim Saunders**
- **Ward 9 – Armadale and Blackridge – Willie Carruthers**

School crossing patrol guides - West Lothian Council is looking for school crossing patrol guides. Full time, reserve, mobile and job-sharing guides are all required. There's good rates of pay, and training and protective clothing is provided. For more information, contact Jim on 01506 776291.

Free computer access - Free access to computers and the internet is available at all libraries and most community centres in West Lothian.

Fauldhouse Community Fair Day - Saturday 5 September. Fauldhouse Community Development Trust (CDT) is once again organising the Fair on Fauldhouse village green. This year, the theme is 'Healthy Living and Good Food', and those involved in Health Improvement / Healthy Living are especially encouraged to bring a stand to the event, although any organisation is welcome. For more details or to book a stall for your organisation (no charge), contact Rachel at Fauldhouse CDT 01501 773699 or email: info@fauldhouse.org.uk

Fuse Music - Promoting youth music and working to create a more vibrant and diverse music scene for young people in West Lothian, Fuse Music is a partnership supported by the Scottish Arts Council's Youth Music Initiative. Check out www.fusemusic.org.uk These events are open to any young person in West Lothian age 12 to 21 years.

YAP Music 12:21 Summer Music Academy - A chance to work together with experienced professional musicians. What ever your chosen instrument you will be taught new skills in playing, rehearsing, improvisation, recording and performing. Bring your own musical instrument.

- **Beginners:** suitable for beginners and younger players. Week 1: Monday 13 to Friday 17 July, 10am to 4pm or Week 2: Monday 20 to 24 July, 10am to 4pm. Craigsfarm Campus, Livingston. Cost, £20
- **Intermediate:** for those with some experience. Monday 27 to 31 July, 10am to 4pm. The Sound Station, Livingston. Cost, £20

Vocal and Songwriting Summer School - For solo and band singers who want to learn about technique, try different styles and polish their performances working with experienced singers, songwriters and performers. Monday 10 to 14 August, 10am - 4pm. Howden Park Centre, Livingston Tickets: £20. Places must be booked in advance. To book and for further information contact 01506 777666 or email box.office@westlothian.gov.uk

Piping Hot - Piping and Drumming Summer School. West Lothian's young pipers and drummers – from beginners to advanced levels - are invited to join forces, make lots of music, have fun and grab the opportunity to play together, share experiences, and play other instruments while learning more about piping and drumming – on snare, bass and tenor drums. The week will also include demonstrations and workshops on things like performing skills and how to maintain your instrument. Experienced players and age 11 years plus. Monday 13 to Friday 17 July, 10am to 4pm, Craigsfarm Campus. Tickets: £20

Cutting Edge – please note that the next Cutting Edge will be issued in September.



Ward 1 – Linlithgow

Local Area Committees (LAC) – 8am on Tuesday, 15 September. Venue: County Buildings, Linlithgow. Members: Councillor Tom Conn, Councillor Tom Kerr and Councillor Martyn Day.

Summer Play days – are offered to primary aged children in the following centres

13 to 17 July - Springfield Community Wing 2-4pm
20 to 24 July - Bridgend Community Centre 10.30am-12.30pm
3 to 8 August – Bridgend Community Centre 10.30-12.30pm

- Activity day trips for young people attending Bridgend Youth Club
- Project extreme: Involves a group of young people, from Linlithgow area, who will be engaging along with partners, in a series of activities aimed at combating anti social behaviour.
- LYPP: 3-4 weeks of summer activities designed to involve young people within Linlithgow
- Weekly Five a side football provision within the Leisure Sport facility in Linlithgow.
- Springfield Play scheme runs on 27, 29 and 31 July 10am - 2pm
- Fabb international youth exchange 13 to 22 July

Linlithgow library - Chatterbooks is a free children's reading group which usually meets from 4pm to 5pm on the first Tuesday of the month. Refreshments are provided. Dates may vary due to school holidays and places are limited. Please check with library staff for availability.

Linlithgow Folk Festival - runs from Wednesday 9 to Sunday 13 September. This is the 10th anniversary of the festival. The Festival Concert, featuring Barbara Dickson, will take place at Linlithgow Academy on Saturday 12 September. Tickets are now on sale.

Road reopening - A section of the C6 at Philpstoun, currently closed for kerbing and resurfacing, is due to reopen on 10 July. Please note the change to previous dates. The section affected is from the canal bridge at 3 Pardovan Holdings to the railway bridge on Station Road at Lonsdale. An alternative route will be provided via the C6, the B8046, the A904, the A803, the C16 and the C5.

The Linlithgow Gazette - has launched a campaign to raise money to buy defibrillators for towns in its circulation area. The paper is working in conjunction with the British Heart Foundation and the Scottish Ambulance Service to help save lives. Each defibrillator costs £1,500. Schools, community groups and local businesses are being invited to join in the fundraising. For fuller details, email editorial@journalandgazette.co.uk

The Linlithgow Heritage Trail - is an easy-to-follow walk round the main places of architectural and historical interest in Linlithgow. It sets off from The Cross Well and visits more than forty fascinating places before returning to County Buildings across the road. Full details of all the stopping-off points, as well as a handy map, are available on <http://www.linlithgow.com/heritage.htm>

Linlithgow Cross - The northern section of Linlithgow Cross will be closed to traffic for 18 months to allow refurbishment work to be carried out to the Burgh Halls. The section of road, in front of the Burgh Halls, is due to reopen on Wednesday 31 March, 2010.



Ward 2 – Broxburn, Uphall and Winchburgh

Local Area Committees (LAC) – 9am on Wednesday, 12 August. Venue: To be confirmed. Members: Councillor Janet Campbell, Councillor Alex Davidson, Councillor Ellen Glass and Councillor Graeme Morrice.

Summer Play days - are offered to primary aged children in the following centres

- 6 to 10 July - Strathbrock Community Centre 2-4pm
- 20 to 24 July - Winchburgh Community Centre 2-4pm
- 27 to 31 July - Uphall Community Centre 10.30am-12.30pm
- Fabb International Youth Exchange 13 to 22 July

Broxburn Academy Transition Work - Summer outings will be held in partnership with family support worker and youth strategy with a group of P7 considered to need additional support in preparation for high school. We will try and encourage these young people to link into youth work activities in the community.

Strathbrock 1st year project - This project will continue during the summer with group work sessions around self esteem, confidence building and making and sustaining relationships. In addition we will deliver a program of activities and trips.

Free Ears Film Project - This project will be completed during the summer and will now include some of the first year members who will talk about how early interventions and support have helped them.

Uphall Youth Drop In - This provision will continue on a Tuesday evening throughout the summer.

Uphall and Broxburn - There will be a program of activities organised for groups from Uphall and Broxburn through Community safety funding. Summer Dance Academy will take place in Broxburn sports centre and is funded through alcohol diversionary money.

LGBT - We will continue to meet with a group of youth volunteers on a Friday evening to organise the next Very Gaily Ceilidh in August 2009 and develop a program of youth events to take place until March 2010.

Winchburgh 'Take it to the Xtreme 3' Youth Project – Using extreme sports activities as a tool to engage with young people. Working with a targeted group of young people from S1 and S2 offering a full day activity on Wednesdays for six weeks.

Winchburgh Strategy for Tackling Underage Drinking – Summer Activity Programme – 1 day per week. Following on from the success of the project so far young people will have the opportunity to get involved in a programme of activities during the holidays.

'Girls Allowed' - The group will continue to meet on Saturdays through out the summer.

Dechmont Girls Group - will participate in two or three full day activities as part of their Bronze Youth Achievement Award Challenges.



Ward 3 - Livingston North

Local Area Committees (LAC) –10am on Thursday 20 August. Venue: To be confirmed. Members: Councillor John Cochrane, Councillor Robert De Bold, Councillor Bruce Ferrie and Councillor Andrew Miller.

Deans Cluster youth activities

- Pumpherston Children's Club will have five morning sessions, covering arts and crafts, sports, team building activities and cold cookery. The sixth session will be a trip with children from Carmondean children and Junior Youth Club.
- Carmondean Children and Junior Youth Club will have five afternoon sessions, covering arts and crafts, sports, team building activities and cold cookery. The sixth session will be a trip with children from Pumpherston Children's Club.
- Mosswood Playscheme will run Monday – Thursday for P1-7, 10.30am – 12.30pm from 29 June – 23 July inclusive. Activities are varied and include sports, confidence building, drama, arts and crafts, nature hunts, computers, disco and trips.
- Uphall Station Playscheme will run Tuesday and Thursday afternoons from 2pm – 4pm, from Tuesday 30 June – Thursday 23 July. Activities include arts and crafts, sports, drama, nature hunts and trips.
- Young people S1+ will have access to Mosswood community centre facilities throughout the summer period as per agreement by Mark Drysdale.

Carmondean Connected - Exhibition - Home and Away: leaving West Lothian. West Lothian had one of the highest rates of emigration in Scotland. In this year of Homecoming, West Lothian Local History Library has prepared a new exhibition to explore the subject. The exhibition will be on display in branch libraries until the end of the year. Entry is free and the exhibition will remain at Carmondean until 15 August.

- Best Friends' Day. Come along to the library on Thursday 2 July between 2.30 pm and 3.30 pm and bring your best friend to share activities.
- Picture Quest - Hunt for the pictures hidden in the Junior Library between 3 and 8 August. They're all characters from the year's Summer Reading Challenge. There is a prize for the winners of the two age group categories, ages 5-8 yrs and 9-11 yrs. All summer library activities are free but places may be limited, so please contact the library for further details on 01506 777602.
- Bounce and Tickle. All babies and pre-school children are welcome in this free session of rhymes, stories and songs, from 1.30pm - 2pm on 13 and 27 August.



Ward 4 - Livingston South

Local Area Committees (LAC) – 9am on Friday, 4 September. Venue: To be confirmed. Members: Councillor Lawrence Fitzpatrick, Councillor Peter Johnston, Councillor Danny Logue and Councillor John Muir.

Inveralmond Cluster youth activities

- Activity Week for p4-7 will run from Tuesday 30 June – Friday 3 July. This week focuses on health, eating, environment, sport and education, with inputs from the arts unit and local ranger service. The week is concluded with a trip to Craigton Park, St Andrews.
- Craigshill Monday drop In will meet for six consecutive Mondays, consisting of three trips within West Lothian and three activity days outwith West Lothian
- Forestbank will run for three evenings, in Inveralmond Community High School as well as a trip to M & D's.
- Inveralmond Drop In will continue to run from 6.30pm – 8.30pm on Friday evenings during the summer period.
- Offbeat will continue to run as normal over the summer period, at Craigsfarm between 2pm and 5pm and is available to youngsters from the Inveralmond cluster.

Wasps Out of School Care project - offers places to 48 children. The project is run by a management committee made up of parents of the children who attend who give up their time on a voluntary basis. The children are collected from school and taken to the project, which operates from Murieston Village Hall and take part in a range of activities. Wasps offers:

- Holiday time - during most of the holiday seasons we offer a full daily service between the hours of 8am and 5.55pm - open to any parent who wishes to use this service.

It is a parent-led organisation that wants the children to have fun and be safe whilst their parents are working.

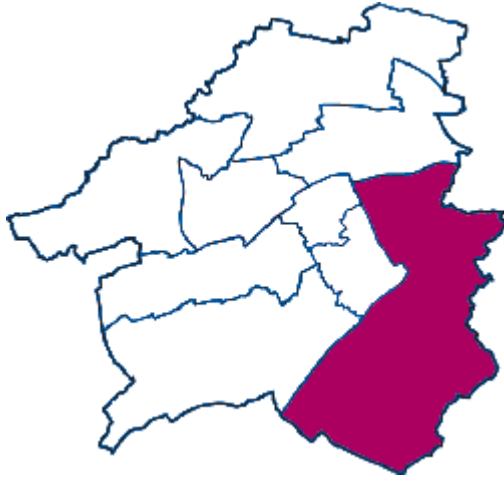
Lantern Library - Dress Up Day at 2.30pm on 7 August. Places may be limited, so please contact the library for further details on 01501 777700.

- Award Ceremony - for children who have participated in and completed the Quest Seekers Summer Reading Challenge at Lantern Library, from 2.30pm on 14 August.

Inveralmond Community High School - has once again won the West Lothian School's Debating Competition – 'West Lothian Speaks'. This is the school's second win in the last three years and continues a growing tradition of debating within the school. The successful S2 team was Anna Smeaton, Gordon Paterson and Jack Mason, received brilliant support from Mrs E. MacDonald and Miss L. Richardson from the school's Social Subject and Business Faculty.

Mechanical - Invent and make your own 'Musical Transformer' with artist Sarah Kenchington. Come along and make a musical thingamajiggy, doodlesproket or whatsit. Then watch it grow into a group sculpture with a life of it's own. Age: 8 plus. Saturday 25 July, 10am - 12noon or 2 - 4pm, Howden Park Centre. Tickets: children £6 (accompanying adults FREE)

Vocal and Songwriting Summer School - for solo and band singers who want to learn about technique, try different styles and polish their performances working with experienced singers, songwriters and performers. Monday 10 to 14 August, 10am - 4pm, Howden Park Centre. Tickets: £20



Ward 5 – East Livingston and East Calder

Local Area Committees (LAC) – 2pm on Thursday 24 September. Venue: To be confirmed.
Members: Councillor Frank Anderson, Councillor Willie Dunn, Councillor Carl John, and Councillor Dave King.

Calder's Corridor youth activities

- 7 July Time Capsule - Coatbridge
- 9 July Mega Bowl and Cinema Coatbridge
- 14 July Edinburgh Zoo
- 16 July Beach BBQ Aberdour and Swimming Burntisland Pool
- 21 July Glasgow Science Centre plus IMax cinema
- 23 July M&D's Strathclyde Country Park
- 11 August Time capsule Coatbridge
- 13 August Blair Drummond Safari Park + BBQ

Almondbank Library:

- Bounce and Tickle: from 1.45 pm – 2.15 pm on Tuesday 28 July: All babies and pre-school children welcome in this free session of rhymes, stories and songs,
- Reading Group: 6.30 pm – 7.45 pm meets on the last Thursday of the month. Refreshments provided.
- Craft Session: 2.30 pm - 3.30 pm on 7 July: Help put up a summer display and decorate your library. Suitable for children aged 7 - 12 years old. Let's Play Charades: From 10.30 pm - 11.30 pm on 18 July. Fun games with book titles and characters. Suitable for children aged 7 - 12 years old.
- Fantasy Mask Making: from 2.30 pm - 3.30 pm on 21 July. Come along and make your own fantasy mask! Suitable for children aged 5 - 10 years old.

Mid Calder Primary School - has won a Scottish competition to design a poster for the Euro quiz. As a result, the school has been invited to send representatives to attend the 10th anniversary of the Scottish Parliament on 1 July.

East Calder Library

- Book Group - This free reading group for adults meets from 6.45pm to 7.45pm on the last Thursday of the month. Refreshments are provided.
- Medal Ceremony - at 2pm on 13 August is for those children who have participated in and completed the Quest Seekers Summer Reading Challenge at East Calder Library.
- Bounce and Tickle - All babies and pre-school children welcome in this free session of rhymes, stories and songs from 10.30am - 11am on 14 and 28 August.

Y-Cats Cheerleaders – Classes are held on a Tuesday evening at Pumpherston Institute Hall. For details, check the website www.y-cats.co.uk/ Classes are as follows:

- 6pm – 7pm Pee Wee and Youth Squads
- 7pm - 7.45pm Cheer Technique (Primary age and under)
- 7.45pm – 8.30pm Cheer Technique (High School and above)
- 8.30pm - 9.30pm Junior and Seniors Squads.



Ward 6 - Fauldhouse and the Breich Valley

Local Area Committees (LAC) – 9.30am on Tuesday, 18 August. Venue: To be confirmed. Members: Councillor Neil Findlay, Councillor Greg McCarra, and Councillor Cathy Muldoon.

West Calder Community Centre - Summer Fitness Fun

- Gymnastics Mondays 29 June -3 August 10am - 1pm
- Street Dance Wednesdays 1 – 29 July 10am - 1pm
- Well Cool Fitness - An Introduction to Fitness Mondays - Fridays 10am - 6.00pm; Saturdays - Sundays 9am –4pm
- Soccer Academy - Every Thursday from 2 July until early September 6pm -7pm and 7pm - 8pm

Fauldhouse youth activities - Access to all Fauldhouse activities is also available to young people from Longridge.

- There will be a drop-in club available on Tuesday 30 June, 7, 21 and 28 July and 4 and 11 August. Each session will run from 12noon – 3pm. Age group P6 +
- From Monday 13 July to Friday 17 July there will be an activity club for P3,4 and 5. This will run from 11am – 1pm.
- On Wednesday July 1, 8, 15, 22 and 29 and 5 August There will be day trips Participation on these trips is limited to 13 young people. Age Group P6 +
- On Friday 3, 10, 17, 24 , 31 July and 7 August, there will be a drop in for S2 – 18 years
On Friday 10, 17 and 24 July there will be input from a graffiti artist. Other activities will include X box games, music, pool. There will be three activity trips – Go Karting, Paintball and Blackpool Pleasure Beach – each trip will be limited to 13 participants.
- From 10 – 14 August there will be an adventure activity residential week for 13 young people at Lochgoilhead. Activities include – sailing, canoeing, rock climbing, abseiling, mountain biking, gorge walking.

Stoneyburn Community Centre

- Thursday 2 July to 13 August 2 – 4pm. 8 – 13 years. Programme - Crafts, soccer, air hockey, unihoc baking, pool and dodgeball
- Trips –29 July Hollywood Bowl, 5 August Time Capsule, 12 Aug. M&D's

Addiewell Community centre

- Thursdays 2 July to 13 Aug 6 -8pm. 10 -15yrs. Programme - Crafts, Soccer, Keep Fit, Dance, Pizza Popcorn & Movies and Baking.



Ward 7 - Whitburn and Blackburn

Local Area Committees (LAC) – 10am on Thursday 31 August. Venue: Blackburn community centre. Members: Councillor Gordon Beurskens, Councillor Jim Dickson, Councillor George Paul and Councillor Jim Swan.

Exhibition – the Call to Arms exhibition comes to Whitburn Library on 10 August. The exhibition, which runs until 13 November, looks at how the First World War affected West Lothian and its people then and now.

Whitburn Youth Festival – will take place on 14 and 15 of August.

Whitburn youth activities

- Friday night Youth Club is going to continue every Friday throughout the summer.
- Wednesday Senior Youth Club is going to continue every Wednesday throughout the summer. Blanket consent forms are going to be given to young people in order to do ad-hoc activities, numbers permitting.
- Weekly Trips for 10 – 14 year olds. Provisionally 13 spaces on each trip. If there is huge demand for trips, private coach hire will be looked at to accommodate more young people. Trips take place on the following days: Thursday 6 July – Time Capsule; Thursday 9 July – M & D's; Thursday 16 July – Fife beach trip / swimming; Thursday 23 July – Fordell Firs; Thursday 30 July – Cinema trip – Harry Potter
- Senior Residential to Scottish Outdoor Education Centre in West Linton, planned for 24, 25 and 26 July, which is a Friday, Saturday and arriving home on the Sunday afternoon. This will cost the young people £50 each and fundraising will be done to carry this out.
- Fundraising to help pay for residential will take place at Sommerfield in Whitburn on 4 and 5 of July. This is a Saturday and Sunday and young people will be doing bag packing.
- It is hoped that we will also be able to advertise arts sessions to run in the centre during daytime but this has still to be organised.

Blackburn youth activities

Sundays 5 July to 16 August. 7 – 9.30pm S1 – S6, Blackburn Community Centre. Programme includes rafts, soccer, PC Internet, unihoc, baking, pool, dodgeball. Trips take place on the following days: 29 July Hollywood Bowl, 5 August. Time Capsule, 12 August. M&D's

Seafield youth activities

Tuesday 30 June to 21 July 1 - 3pm 8 – 13yrs. Seafield Community Centre. Programme includes- fruit kebabs -arts and crafts -pool- soccer, smoothies, snooker, nails n'fingers and table tennis. Trips take place on the following days 29 July Hollywood Bowl, 5 August. Time Capsule, 12 August. M&D's



Ward 8 - Bathgate

Local Area Committees (LAC) – 10am on Monday, 7 September . Venue: Council Chambers, West Lothian House, Almondvale Boulevard, Livingston. Members: Councillor Willie Boyle, Councillor John McGinty and Councillor Jim Walker.

Bathgate youth activities

Mondays 29 June, 6 & 13 July 10 - Noon 8 -12yrs
St. Mary's Primary School

- Programme - crafts, unihoc, Mini – Olympics, baking, soccer, dodgeball, team games
- Trips - 8 July Time Capsule, 15 July M&D's

Windyknowe

Mondays 29 June, 6 & 13 July 1 – 3pm 8 – 12yrs
Windyknowe Primary School

- Programme - crafts, unihoc, Mini – Olympics, baking, soccer, dodgeball, team games
- Trips - 8 July Time Capsule, 15 July M&D's

Boghall

Thursday 2 July to 13 Aug. 4.30 – 6.30pm S1-S6
Drop In Resource Centre

- Programme - computers, arts and crafts baking, small games, healthy eating and small games
- Trips 29 July Hollywood Bowl, 5 Aug. Time Capsule 12 Aug. M&D's

Thursday 2 to 16 July 10.30am – 12.30pm 8 – 12yrs
St. Columba's Primary School

- Programme - arts and crafts, baking, small games, soccer, Mini Olympics, unihoc and assault course.

Trips- 8 July Time Capsule, 15 July M&D's

Beads, Socks and Clocks - with Sally-Ann Provan. Have you every wanted to make your own jewellery or accessories? Well now is your chance! In just one week you will make your own rings, necklaces and bracelets, create a custom made sock for your mobile phone, and use copper to make a fully working funky clock for your room. 8 to 12 years. 20 to 24 July, 10am to 4pm at the Regal Community Theatre, Bathgate. Tickets cost £45 including all materials and equipment.

Bathgate Library - Bounce and Tickle. All babies and pre-school children welcome in this free session of rhymes, stories and songs on 7 and 21 August from 10.30 am – 11am

- Storytelling for all the Family - Come along from 10.30am - 11am on 7 August to hear some fantastic tales and amazing adventures. Fun for everyone. All summer library activities are free but places may be limited. Please contact the library for further details on 01506 776400.



Ward 9 - Armadale and Blackridge

Local Area Committees (LAC) – 10am on Friday 21 August. Venue: To be confirmed. Please check the website: www.westlothian.gov.uk for details. Members: Councillor Stuart Borrowman, Councillor Jim Dixon Councillor and Councillor Isabel Hutton.

Healthy respect drop in – at health centre from 1-3pm will continue through the summer and targets young people aged 13+, offering sexual health information and advice.

- Wednesday 1 July is a coach trip to Blackpool for S1+. 40 spaces are available and cost is £20 per person. All trips offer a discount for siblings.
- Art attack and games on Friday 3 July at St Anthony's social club for P1-7 at a cost of £1. There are 20 spaces available.
- Art attack and games on Tuesday 7 July at Blackridge community wing for p1-7 at a cost of £1, with 20 spaces available.
- Wednesday 8 July is an adventure day at Fordel Firs for S1+ at a cost of £7.50, which includes four activities and has 14 spaces.
- Thursday 9 July is a coach trip to 'the buzz', a laser quest and indoor soft play area in Falkirk. There are 40 spaces and cost is £5
- Thursday 16 July is trips to Polkemmet park for P1-7, with Armadale going in the morning and Blackridge going in the afternoon. There are 20 spaces available each and cost £1.
- Streetdance and arts day on Friday 17 July for p1-7 at St Anthony's social club, Armadale and cost £1.
- Streetdance and arts day on Tuesday 21 July for p1-7 at Blackridge community wing and costs £1
- No Messin event on Wednesday 22 for S1+ at cost of £1 and there are 20 spaces available.
- Beach BBQ on Thursday 23 July for p1-7. This will be a coach trip with 40 spaces available and cost £3
- Beach party on Wednesday 29 July for S1+. This will be a coach trip with 40 spaces available and cost £3
- Thursday 30 July is a trip to Beecraigs Country Park for p1-7, with Armadale going in the morning and Blackridge in the afternoon. There are 20 spaces each session, which costs £1.

Healthy Weight Communities - The Armadale and Blackridge Healthy Weight Community aims to establish and provide an integrated and inclusive community-wide approach to promote healthy weight by addressing healthy eating, physical activity and behavioural change. Armadale has been chosen to be the setting of the Healthy Weight Community due to its strong history in cross sector partnership working and development of community programmes aimed at addressing child healthy weight. In addition to the Healthy Weight Communities initiative, the seven schools within the Armadale cluster have been chosen as a demonstration site for the Health and Wellbeing in Schools project.

Blackridge Library - Museum Exhibition: West Lothian Women. This exhibition is on display in Blackridge Community Museum from 10 August to 13 November. Admission is during library hours.

Armadale Library - Museum Exhibition: Banners and Benefits. A colourful display of regalia from the Friendly Societies which used to pay local people sickness benefits and pensions in the days before the welfare state. From 10 August to 13 November. Admission is during library hours.

A to Z - of council services The dialling code for all numbers is 01506 unless otherwise shown.

A

- Ability Centre - support services for those with a physical disability 774066
- Adoption and Fostering 775959
- Adult basic education 776333
- Advice Shop (welfare rights, benefits, employment problems, debt etc) 776444
- Almondell and Calderwood country park 882254
- Animal welfare licensing 775400
- Antisocial behaviour 0800 801331
- Arts services 777585
- Archives and records centre 773770

B

- Beecraigs country park 844516
- Benefits (incl housing & Council Tax) 776800
- Benefit fraud 776884
- Blue badges & parking permits 775287
- Building standards & warrants 775222
- Bulky uplifts 777800
- Bus & rail transport information 775288
- Business advice & information 777400
- Business rates 776982

C

- Care homes - see social work
- Caring for children 775959
- Cemeteries 775000
- Childcare information service 776660
- Children's panel membership 777241
- Children's play areas 775000
- Citizens' panel membership 774035
- Community council information 777239
- Community equipment store 523335
- Community Recycling Centres 777800
- Composting helpline 0845 600 0323
- Concessionary travel 775287
- Consumer advice 776410
- Council Information Services Centres:
Armadale, Bathgate, Blackburn,
Broxburn, Carmondean, Fauldhouse,
Linlithgow, Livingston, West Calder,
Whitburn 775000
- Council Tax 776982
- Councillors:
Action to Save St John's Hospital 777266
Conservative 777021
Independent 777019
Labour 777002
SNP 777299
- Criminal justice service 775900
- Customer service centre 775000
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D

- Day care centres - see Ability Centre or social work
- Dentists (NHS) 0800 22 44 88
- Dial-a-bus service 633336
- Dial-a-ride service 633953
- Disabled parking 775000
- Dog fouling problems 775000
- Dog warden 775400
- Domestic abuse 777302

E

- Economic Development service 777400
- Education:
- General enquiries 776000
- Customer care 776005
- Education maintenance allowance 776003

- Free school meals and clothing grants 776003
- Lets of education premises 776008
- Pupil placement 775000
- Special education placement 776002
- Special education transport 776392
- Electoral register 0131 344 2500
- Energy advice 0800 834 672
- Environmental health 775400
- Environmental wardens 0800 616 446
- Equality issues 777136
- Events in West Lothian 776335

F

- Family centres - see social work
- Fire safety 0131 228 2401
- Flooding 775000
- Fly tipping 775000
- Fostering 775959

G

- Gala day enquiries 775000
- Garage plots/lock-ups 775000
- Gardens competition 775000
- Garden maintenance (elderly & disabled) 775000
- GP services (NHS) 0800 224488
- Graffiti 775000
- Grounds maintenance 775000

H

- Health and safety 775400
- Holiday play schemes 776093
- Home safety service 771770
- Home security (pensioners) 775000
- Homeless enquiries 775000
- Hospital - St John's 523000
- Houses in multiple occupation (HMO) 777229
- Housing offices: Armadale, Bathgate, Blackburn, Broxburn, Fauldhouse, Linlithgow, Livingston, West Calder, Whitburn 775000

L

- Leisure - see West Lothian Leisure
- Library services 776336
- Licensing board - liquor, betting and gaming 777227
- Licensing - taxis/private hire 777229
- Licensing miscellaneous 777230
- Litter 775000
- Local history 776331
- Low Port Centre 775390/775391

M

- Meals service - see social work
- Mobile library services 776336
- Museum services 776347

N

- National entitlement card (young people) 775291
- Neighbourhood environment teams (NETs) 775000
- Neighbourhood Response Team. Responding positively to antisocial behaviour problems or noise nuisance. 775000
- Noise (commercial/industrial) 775400
- Nursery classes 776660

O

- Occupational therapy services under 65 777777
- over 65 776700

P

- Payment line for council payments 775050
- Personal care - see social work
- Pest control 775401
- Planning enquiries 775222
- Polkemmet country park 01501 743905

- Public toilets 777800
- Public transport helpline 775288

R

- Real nappy project 0131 555 4010
- Recycling 777800
- Refuse collection 777800
- Regal community theatre - box office 433634
- Registration services (births, deaths, marriages, civil partnerships)
- Bathgate 776191
- Broxburn 775509
- East Calder 884680
- Linlithgow 775373
- Livingston 773754
- West Calder 874700
- Whitburn 01501 678005
- Residential care - see social work
- Respite care - see social work
- Road and lighting faults 0800 23 23 23
- Roads - all enquiries 775000

S

- Schools - see education
- School crossing patrols 775000
- School meals 775000
- School transport 775291
- Sensory resource centre 774490
- Signs and nameplates 775000
- Social care emergency team out of hours service 777401
- Social work services
- Bathgate 776700
- Broxburn 775666
- Livingston 777777
- St John's Hospital 524088
- Sports Centres - see West Lothian Leisure
- Street lighting 775000
- Swimming pools - see West Lothian Leisure

T

- Taxicard 775287
- Tourist information 0845 22 55 121
- Town centres management 777934
- Trade waste 777800
- Trading standards 776410
- Tree enquiries 775000
- Traffic signals 775000

V

- Vehicles (abandoned) 775000
- Victim Support 635050

W

- West Lothian College 418181
- West Lothian Leisure 775388
- Wheelie bins 777800
- Winter fuel payment helpline 0845 915 1515

Y

- Young Scot West Lothian 776478