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Over
£53
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To be invested in West Lothian's growing road and footpath network, including town centre street improvements, bridges and street lighting.

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Easter smiles all round

It wasn't just a bin service our waste team provided over the Easter period.

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Tributes paid to West Lothian's Depute Provost



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Enjoy our parks and **play your part** this summer

Visitors are urged to help keep West Lothian's parks safe and tidy.

Staycations and an increase in visitor numbers has brought about changes within local parks. Our team are asking visitors to act responsible and help keep our much-loved parks safe and looking beautiful.

- Always put your litter in bins
- Where a bin is not provided or if bins are full – please take your rubbish home & recycle it
- Follow the latest guidelines on physical distancing and give others plenty of space
- Only park in designated parking areas and always have a back-up plan - if a park or beauty spot is very busy, go somewhere else
- Bring sanitiser or wipes
- Wear face coverings – especially at the visitor centres at Almondell & Calderwood and Beecraigs (unless exempt)
- Pick up after your dog and dispose of dog waste in the black litter bins

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Investment in our parks and open spaces


£14 million will be invested in West Lothian's Open Spaces over the next seven years.



Portland Place Play Area, Fauldhouse

West Lothians Open Spaces include play areas, parks and 3G sports pitches. Nearly £3 million will be invested in 2021/22.

Highlights include the completion of a new 3G surface football pitch in East Calder in addition to work relating to two synthetic turf pitch projects at both St Margaret's Academy and Inveralmond High School in Livingston. This year £272,000 will help fund planned improvements at public parks including:

- Bellsquarry Park, Livingston;
- Craigton Park, Winchburgh;
- Letham Park, Pumpherston;

- Justinhaugh Drive Green, Linlithgow;
 - Preston Road, Linlithgow;
 - Westburngrange, West Calder.
- Executive councillor for the environment Tom Conn said: "West Lothian Council remains as committed as ever to enhancing the wonderful outdoor experiences we have locally. Our approved capital investment programme commits to the ongoing provision, development,

regeneration and management of open spaces throughout West Lothian.

"From our country parks to children's play areas, we have all arguably grown to appreciate the outdoors more than ever before over the past year. This programme will give council services the tools to continue their excellent work in delivering well maintained outdoor open spaces for the people of West Lothian to enjoy."

Investment in play areas

A number of play areas in West Lothian will benefit from more than £500,000 investment within the next year.

This will come in the fourth year of West Lothian Council's current 10-year capital investment programme which will see around £1.9 million spent on improvements at children's play areas between April 2021 and March 2028.

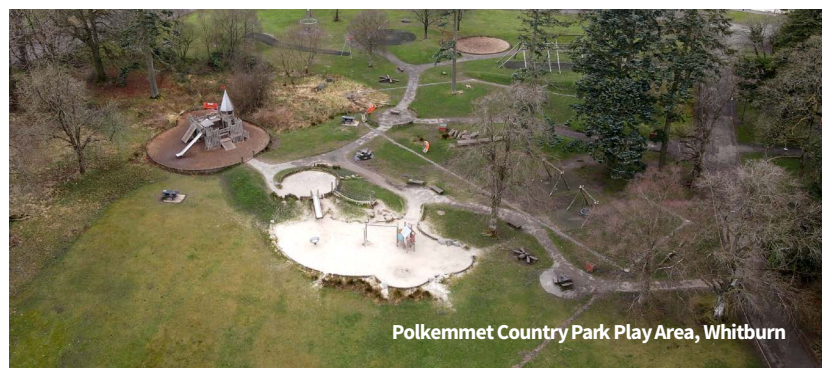
The programme helps to make sure that children's play areas are maintained to a high standard and to ensure that children have accessible, safer, inclusive fun and stimulating play environments.

Some of the children's play areas to

see improvements in the 2021/2022 financial year will include:

- Eliburn Park Play Area, Livingston (£40,000),
- Polkemmet Country Park Play Area (£50,000)
- Dovecot Play Area and Springfield Park, Linlithgow (£30,000)

Each of these play areas will see some existing features replaced with brand new play equipment.



Polkemmet Country Park Play Area, Whitburn

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Work complete at Livingston North Partnership Centre



Councillor Fitzpatrick joined staff from the council's Library and Customer Information Services team at the revamped centre.

The new Livingston North Partnership Centre has opened following the lifting of COVID-19 restrictions.

West Lothian Council invested over £1 million to create the new partnership centre in Livingston North.

A key feature of the project was the creation of more floor space within the building in order to enhance the environment. Works have now been completed with some walls in the existing building knocked down to create more floorspace which services will be able to take full advantage.

The partnership centre houses a variety of services under one roof including the Ability Centre Support Service and The Supported Employment Service.

Carmondean Library has relocated into the converted building and was one of the first services available to the public following the relaxation of Coronavirus restrictions in April.

A Customer Information Service Centre office is also located in the building along with MacMillan Cancer Support while meeting spaces are available for members of the local community to book. (Availability of services is dependent on the latest COVID-19 restrictions at time of publication.)

Leader of West Lothian Council, Lawrence Fitzpatrick visited the centre recently. He said: "We're delighted that work is now

complete and very confident that the new partnership centre in Livingston North will bring many benefits to the local community. "The council invested heavily in redeveloping the building to create the new facility which will see a greater number of services available in the one location than was previously possible. The library service was one of the first services in the facility available to customers via click and collect, and hopefully it won't be long until everyone can enjoy all the centre has to offer."

Community Property Investment Given Green Light

Local communities across West Lothian will benefit from a funding package from West Lothian Council.

West Lothian Council is set to invest £86 million this year (2021/22) on assets, such as buildings and roads, to support the delivery of essential services. Over £68 million will be spent on improving the council's properties next year with a significant percentage spent on local facilities such as partnership centres, community centres and specialist facilities for vulnerable people. There will be significant investment in older people's residential care facilities with an extensive planned improvement programme of works. The programme includes a wide variety of projects such as a complex care housing, and a £3 million

complex-care development in Pumpherston. The programme also includes hundreds of individual projects including a new pavilion at Watson Park, Armadale and investment at Winchburgh Community Centre. Lawrence Fitzpatrick, Leader of West Lothian Council said: "The programme impacts positively on all communities in West Lothian. Improving local facilities is very important to us but these facilities ultimately deliver services that people rely upon. They help to improve the lives of so many people and that is the most important aspect of this investment."

Work progressing on Whitburn Partnership Centre

Progress has continued on the construction of the development of the new Whitburn Partnership Centre.

The steel frame for the new facility was recently erected and work will soon commence on laying the first floor and the roof deck to allow works to proceed internally to the extension.

West Lothian Council is investing nearly £5 million in the project

which will see the redevelopment of the Burgh Halls on East Main Street to create a new Partnership Centre which once open, will bring a number of local facilities and services under one roof in the heart of the town centre.

Work restarted on the project towards the end of 2020 with Maxi Construction appointed as contractor with the facility anticipated to open in spring 2022.

Tributes paid to West Lothian's Depute Provost

Tributes have been paid to West Lothian's Depute Provost, Councillor Dave King who passed away in May after nearly 30 years of "tireless and devoted work for his community".



Depute Provost Dave King, 79, represented the East Livingston and East Calder ward on West Lothian Council. He had been a councillor since 1992, representing the East Calder ward on West Lothian's District Council.

He was elected Depute Provost of West Lothian Council in 2012. He was also Executive Councillor for Culture and Leisure.

Council Leader Lawrence Fitzpatrick said: "Dave worked tirelessly for his community and was, without a doubt, one of the hardest working elected members you could ever meet. Those of us who knew him well were aware of his health issues but it didn't stop him. Until the pandemic he was still holding seven surgeries a week and his workload was as large as ever."

"He was from Edinburgh originally but East Calder had been his home for many years. Dave set an incredibly high standard in terms of his work ethic, his steadfast commitment to improve his local community, his loyalty and his generosity.

"He was a caring and kind-hearted man and I was proud to be his friend for many years."

Provost Tom Kerr also paid tribute. He said: "Councillor King was so proud to be Depute Provost of West Lothian and I know how much that role meant to him.

"I know how highly respected Dave was within the council and within his local community. His legacy will live on within East Calder."

Lanthorn and Whitburn Centres UPDATE

Lanthorn Centre

A dedicated online information hub for The Lanthorn Centre has been set up.

The hub aims to provide the local community with up-to-date information on progress to relocate services, carry out structural repairs and re-open the centre.

A dedicated email address – lanthorn@westlothian.gov.uk

– has also been established should interested groups/individuals have specific questions.

The Lanthorn Centre, Livingston closed at the beginning of April after significant structural issues were identified within the roof structure of the building. Due to the extent and scale of the remedial works, the building is likely to be closed for approximately two years.

The removal and replacement of the existing roof deck at The Lanthorn Centre and Chapel Annexe is estimated to cost the council over £3 million.

The Lanthorn Library is open again and is now based at Torridon House, Almondvale Boulevard, Livingston EH54 6QY, whilst essential repairs are carried out at the Lanthorn Community Complex.

Whitburn Community Centre

Structural issues identified at Whitburn Community Centre will result in the temporary closure of some areas of the building. The closures are expected to be in place until spring 2022 and result in approximately £1 million of repairs. A structural engineer has recently assessed the condition of the roof structure at Whitburn Community

Centre as part of a planned programme of surveys of council assets to assess the condition of roof decks constructed with this material. The issue stems from a material called Reinforced Autoclaved Aerated Concrete (RAAC) – commonly used in buildings built in the 1960s to 1980s and used in parts of Whitburn Community Centre building.

As a consequence, no activity can take place in the games hall, changing rooms and first-floor meeting rooms.

All other areas will remain open or will reopen once COVID-19 restrictions allow.

The target date for completion of remedial works is currently is March 2022.

A series of FAQs have also been published on the hub at www.westlothian.gov.uk/lanthorncentre

Largest ever investment in schools for pupils with additional support needs

Over £29 million is being spent by West Lothian Council on schools supporting pupils with additional support needs.

The major investment will see brand new state-of-the-art schools for Beatlie and Cedarbank in Livingston, with both Ogilvie Campus in Livingston and Pinewood undergoing significant renovation and expansion.

West Lothian already has one of the best school estates in the country.

This funding will ensure that West Lothian schools for pupils with additional support needs (ASN) provide the best possible

learning and care environment for local pupils in the future.

Plans are continuing to progress towards delivering a £13.5 million new-build school to replace Beatlie School Campus in Livingston, which provides specialist education for pupils aged 3 to 18 with severe and complex medical needs.

The proposed new purpose-built facility will be a centre of excellence for children and young people, providing

cutting-edge educational facilities alongside partner health and wrap around support for children and families.

Ogilvie School Campus is currently undergoing a £3.3 million extension and refurbishment, which is due for completion in March. This work includes three new classrooms, general purpose room and soft-play room, as well as new outside play areas and access improvements.



Ogilvie Headteacher Kristyna Macsween and Councillor David Dodds

Executive councillor for education David Dodds said:

“It’s fantastic to see a major investment programme in our schools for pupils with additional support needs underway.

“With Ogilvie almost completed and work starting on Cedarbank recently, we have already started to deliver fantastic new facilities that will hugely benefit the whole school communities.

“We look forward to construction work starting at Beatlie and Pinewood in the near future, ensuring we have quality facilities in place for pupils who need them from all over West Lothian.”



New Pinewood extension underway
A £5.8 million redevelopment of Pinewood School in Blackburn is underway.

The major investment will deliver additional and enhanced facilities for the school, which provides primary and secondary education for young people with complex needs from across West Lothian.

The scale of the works includes demolition of the original block, construction of a new extension comprising a games hall, dining hall, office accommodation and additional classrooms.

It also includes improved vehicular access from Elm Grove and enhanced car parking with 66 vehicle spaces, disabled parking bays, day-time visitor parking, and improved drop-off and pick-up zones. Arrangements have been made for staff to use additional parking at the nearby Blackburn and Seafeld Church to minimise disruption while the work is ongoing.

This is the third extension to Pinewood

in the last 12 years, and will be open in 2022 as part of a £26.5 million investment programme in schools for pupils with additional support needs.

Executive councillor for education David Dodds said: “It’s fantastic that work will soon start on the £5.8 million extension to Pinewood School in Blackburn.

“It will deliver first-class facilities for many of our young learners with complex needs for many years to come.

“West Lothian already has one of the best learning estates in the county and this extension as part of the wider £26.5 million in schools for pupils with additional support needs will ensure this going forward.”

Hub South East is delivering the new facility on behalf of the council, with BAM Construction appointed as the main contractor.



Work starts on new Cedarbank School

Construction has started on the £7 million state-of-the-art replacement for Cedarbank School in Livingston.

Cedarbank currently provides quality education for secondary pupils with additional support needs from around West Lothian, spread over three locations.

The superb new stand-alone, modern, purpose-built facility will bring up to 130 Cedarbank pupils from S1 to S6 together under one roof when it opens in 2022.

Cedarbank is relocating to within the campus of The James Young High School in Livingston, as part of a significant investment in schools dedicated to supporting pupils with additional support needs.

Hub South East is delivering the new facility on behalf of the

council, with BAM Construction appointed as the main contractor.

Executive councillor for education David Dodds said:

“The new school will provide an excellent location for delivering quality education and care for up to 130 pupils with additional support needs when it opens next year.

“The new location will allow the Cedarbank community to build strong links with their neighbours at The James Young High School, which can only benefit both schools.

“I’m confident that the new Cedarbank and its specialist facilities will make a positive

difference for young people from across West Lothian.

The facilities within the school include a multi-purpose hall, specialist classrooms for CDT, Music, Science, Home Economics, Art, IT and life skills as well as base classrooms. There will also be a kitchen/dining area within the school and landscaped external areas which will include varied accessible and natural hard and soft landscaping, space to hold lessons outside and an outdoor allotment.

The school access will be from Dedridge North Road, separate from the Quentin Rise entrance to The James Young High School.

Learning investment for our young people



Primary schools

Up to six new primary schools could be built in West Lothian over the next seven years.



Calderwood Primary in East Calder

The plans are part of a massive £144 million investment programme by West Lothian Council in the area's learning estate, to ensure it remains one of the best in Scotland.

West Lothian currently has 67 primary schools and primary-age pupils make up the largest section of West Lothian's school population of approximately 30,000. The funding will help ensure children from all over the area have the best possible facilities for learning at their local primary schools.

Work for two new primary schools is already underway, with the £14.7 million Calderwood Primary in East

Calder is expected to open later this year and the £9.4 million Holy Family Primary in Winchburgh welcoming pupils in 2023.

Plans are already being progressed for a £12 million replacement for East Calder Primary, with potential for up to three further new primary schools in areas of proposed developments, such as Winchburgh and Bangour.

Further investment to expand and improve a number of primary schools around West Lothian has also been agreed by the council.

Executive councillor for education David Dodds said: "West Lothian

children deserve the best possible platform for learning, which is why the council continues to invest heavily in improving our school estate.

"Primary-age pupils makes up the largest group in West Lothian's schools, and it's vital we continue to ensure they have the facilities they need at this vital stage.

"With up to six new primary schools, as well as the number of extension and improvement programmes, will ensure we have excellent schools suitable for local families, as well as the growing numbers who are choosing to relocate to West Lothian."

Extensions are planned over the next seven years to a number of West Lothian primaries to cater for growing demand. These include:

- £5.5 million for Pumpherston and Uphall Community Primary School
- £5.1 million for St Paul's in East Calder
- £4 million for St Mary's in Polbeth;
- £3 million for Southdale in Armadale
- £2.2 million for Croftmalloch and Polkemmet primaries in Whitburn
- £670,000 for Livingston Village Primary

Other major investments in West Lothian primary schools include:

- £2 million for access and other improvements to Deans Primary in Livingston
- £1.8 million for a new kitchen and other works at Eastertoun Primary in Armadale
- £1.5 million for roof and energy-efficiency enhancements at St Joseph's Primary in Whitburn

A further £4.3 million will be spent on a planned improvement programme for local primaries, with significant investment in schools including: Kirkhill in Broxburn; Our Lady of Lourdes in Blackburn; Parkhead in West Calder; and Riverside, Peel and St John Ogilvie primaries, all Livingston.

Nursery hours extended to 1,140 per year



West Lothian Council has increased the number of Early Learning and Childcare (ELC) hours per year to 1,140 from 19 April 2021. This means that parents/carers of all West Lothian three and four year olds, as well as eligible two year olds, will receive the increased hours for their child (pro rata) until the start of the new academic session in August 2021.

A range of attendance patterns across 50 weeks of the year are available.

For more details or to apply, please visit www.westlothian.gov.uk/apply-for-an-etc-place

Secondary school investment plans

West Lothian Council will invest over £16 million in planned improvements within local schools.



This is in addition to the significant investment in the creation of new schools and Early Learning Centres. The funding is part of the council's overall Capital programme of investment.

The planned improvement works include a large number of individual projects across West Lothian schools. West Lothian has 65 primary schools and 11 secondary schools.

Over £2.1 million will be invested within secondary schools to undertake a variety of upgrade

and replacement projects including:

- Air conditioning upgrades
- External lighting upgrades
- Mechanical and electrical services upgrades
- Electrical and heating upgrades at Linlithgow Academy

Executive councillor for education, David Dodds, said: "In addition to the investment that goes into the creation of new schools and significant projects, such as extensions, an enormous

amount of funding and officer time goes into maintaining high standards within our school estate throughout upgrades and maintenance.

"Our school estate is one of the best in the country and that doesn't happen without a programme of continual improvement. It's vitally important that our young people have the best standard of schools and that's why we invest so much in the fabric of our school buildings."

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West Lothian's road network will undergo a multi-million investment programme in the coming years.

Over
£53
million

to be invested in West Lothian's growing road and footpath network, including town centre street improvements, bridges and street lighting by 2028.

A total of £10 million will be invested between April 2021 and March 2022 alone. An additional £750,000 will be spent next year alone on repairing potholes. This includes potholes that our team have on their planned list of work already, and new potholes that are reported to us.

A large number of roads will be upgraded across West Lothian, but significant projects in 2021/22 include:

- Blaeberryhill Road in Whitburn
- Edinburgh Road in Bathgate
- Linlithgow High Street
- Mayfield Drive in Armadale and Station Road in Armadale
- Longridge Road (A706) Whitburn (Dixon Terrace to Croftmalloch)
- A71 – West End, Main Street, East End, West Calder
- Station Road, Addiewell
- Thymebank, Ladywell
- B792 – Addiewell to Tenants March, West Calder
- B708 – Lower Bathville



Tom Conn, Executive councillor for the environment, said:

Each year the council spends millions of pounds upgrading and maintaining the local road network. Since the 10 year capital programme was approved in 2012, over £61 million has been spent upgrading our roads and paths.

“Overall, West Lothian currently has one of the best-maintained road networks in Scotland but there is always room for improvement.

“The fact is that potholes and road works are inevitable, and occur on all roads at some point, in every local authority.

“Work on repair and maintenance never ends and our teams continually work on these projects. We always try to improve what we have and that’s

why an additional £750,000 will be spent next year alone on repairing potholes. This includes potholes that our team have on their planned list of work already, and new potholes that are reported to us.

“What we’d also emphasise to customers is that we can’t check every square metre of roads at all times so if there’s an issue in your street or path, please do report it to the council. We know how popular our online reporting form is for road defects and potholes. That has helped us receive more detailed information from customers and allowed customers to inform us more easily.

westlothian.gov.uk/report

According to figures from SCOTS /APSE:

the majority of West Lothian's roads (78% in terms of the percentage of total road network) – are regarded as amongst the best in Scotland (top five from 32 local authority areas).



Lighting the way for an eco-friendlier West Lothian

Carbon emissions from West Lothian's street lights have dropped by 77% since 2014.

The programme of replacing street lights with eco-friendly LED replacements began in 2014/15 and is now 85% complete, resulting in the massive drop in carbon emissions equal to 8,363 tons. The replacement of over 41,000 street lights has also led to a 50% drop in energy consumption in the last seven years. This is despite growth in the total number of street lights maintained by the council by 5% over the seven-year period.

Over the next seven years, a further £16.4 million of investment is planned on road lighting works to complete the LED replacement programme, along with other upgrades and improvements such as lighting-column replacements and

cabling renewal.

Executive councillor for the environment Tom Conn said: “West Lothian Council is committed to reducing the environmental impact of the essential services we deliver.

“It’s fantastic to see the street lighting programme deliver such superb reductions in both carbon emissions and energy use.

“The investment of £16.4 million over the next seven years will continue to minimise our environmental impact, while maintaining and improving the amenity and safety for local residents that street lighting provides.”

The programme also includes a number of specific street improvements works

across West Lothian up to 2027/28.

These include: Bishops Park, Mid Calder; Braehead/Stewart Avenue Area, Linlithgow; Brown Street/Hailstones Crescent, Armadale; Brucefield Industrial Estate, Brucefield, Livingston; Carnegie Road, Deans, Livingston; Dedridge North Road, Dedridge, Livingston; East Bankton Place, Bankton, Livingston; Easton Road, Bathgate; Ecclesmachan Road, Uphall; Kilpund Roundabout, Broxburn to boundary with Edinburgh; Main Street, Mid Calder; Main Street/Kirk Lane/Charlesfield Lane, Livingston Village; Palmer Rise, Dedridge, Livingston; Staunton Rise, Dedridge, Livingston; and Westcraigs Road, Blackridge.



Access to affordable housing update

New-build council housing is underway at a number of sites in West Lothian.

Over the next two years, West Lothian Council will invest £50 million to increase social housing supply in West Lothian, and a further £30 million to improve existing homes.

Between 2012 and 2023 it is hoped that approximately 3,000 new social housing will be available, which will be a combination of council housing, Registered Social Landlord (RSL) housing and other partners.



Executive councillor for services for the community, George Paul, joined Ros Edgar, from the council's Housing, Customer and Building Services team and Jim Smith, Site Manager, from construction company CCG.



Despite increasing the local affordable housing portfolio by over 900 homes over the past 5 years, the number of people on the WL common housing register for a new social rented house is approximately 10,000. This number has remained broadly the same over the past decade



Demand for affordable housing continues to outweigh over supply in West Lothian and that is a similar position across many areas of Scotland



Depending upon an individual's circumstances, an individual may be offered affordable accommodation more quickly if they are prepared to stay in other areas of West Lothian or have more than one choice of location

The Road to 3,000

Over 280 additional homes are expected to be complete by 2023 across a range of sites. Recently, work began on several sites including:

Standhill, Bathgate (22 homes)

Including a mixture of 1- and 2-bedroom flats, 2, 3- and 4-bedroom houses and 2 and 3 bedroom bungalows.

Eagle Brae, Livingston (29 homes)

Including a mixture of one and two-bedroom flats, two, three and four-bedroom houses and two and

three-bedroom bungalows.

Deans South, Livingston (29 homes)

Including a mixture of two, three, four, five-bedroom houses and two and three bedroom bungalows.

Mossend, West Calder (69 homes)

Including a mixture of: one and two

bedroom flats, two, three, four and five bedroom houses and one, two and three bedroom bungalows

Bathville, Armadale

Three one-bedroom flats

Cawburn Road, Pumpherston

Sixteen one-bedroom flats

Executive councillor for services for the community, George Paul, visited two of the sites at Eagle Brae and Deans South recently, he said:



It is always heartening to visit new-build sites as it marks such an important stage in the creation of new communities. These projects are about more than bricks and mortar. We're helping people access affordable homes which will be here for a very long time, providing people with a home where they can stay with their families and live their lives.

"Building new affordable homes is not an easy process. Funding, access to available land, planning processes, procurement of services, utility work is all part of the complex process. However, we're committed to increasing the supply of affordable homes in West Lothian and I'd like to thank the team involved in getting us to this important stage."



- 1,511 WLC New-built Homes
- 496 RLS New-built Homes



- 227 WLC OpenMarket Acquisition Homes
- 20 RSL Homes



- 356 WLC Planned New Supply Homes
- 409 RSL New-built Homes

3,019
Homes by 2022/23

How to Apply?

To increase your housing options, we advise you apply to as many Housing Associations as possible and maximise your area and housing choices when completing a housing application form. Information on how to apply for social rented housing in West Lothian can be found here (www.westlothian.gov.uk/apply-for-a-council-house) or for more information on your Housing Options click here (www.westlothian.gov.uk/article/50005/Help-to-find-a-home)

Please contact your local housing office for more details or visit: www.westlothian.gov.uk/housingoptions

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www.westlothian.gov.uk/paying-rent

Our team are here to help.

If you are struggling to pay your council housing rent, for whatever reason, don't delay & contact us now.

New Broxburn and Uphall bus service

Residents in Broxburn and Uphall are being encouraged to make use of the recently launched town bus service.



Councillor Cathy Muldoon (right) joined Gary Toner from HCL Transport and Lorna Cunningham from the council's Public Transport team at Strathbrock Partnership Centre

9am and 6pm Monday to Friday, with full details, including timetable, available from www.westlothian.gov.uk/broxburn-uphall-town-bus

Both 2A and 2B routes operate a two-hour loop between the town centre facilities, such as Strathbrock Partnership Centre, shops such as the Co-op and Lidl, and residential areas including Stankards/Houston Gardens, Crosshill Triangle, Kirkhill, Loaninghill Road, Timmeryetts/Galmeilen, and Wyndford Avenue. They operate on a hail and ride basis in residential areas where

there are no formal bus stops. Passengers can signal the driver to stop at any point where it is safe to do so.

Fares are £1.70 for adults, and £0.90 for children, with concessionary bus-pass holders able to travel for free. Please use exact fare as no change can be given, with contactless payment also accepted.

All the vehicles used on the 2A and 2B routes are fully accessible and are specially adapted to carry combinations of wheelchair users and other passengers safely and comfortably.

The 2A and 2B community bus pilot, in partnership with Dial-A-Bus operator HCL, launched last month.

It aims to support older people, families with young children and those with mobility issues who live in the area, who have issues due to the hilly nature of

Broxburn and Uphall. The service will enable locals to access key services such as shops and health in the town centre, as well as existing public transport links for onward travel.

Early indications show a steady growth in passenger numbers, week on week, as more local

people become aware of and make use of the service. The majority of journeys were made by concessionary card holders, with passengers providing positive feedback that they found the service handy and would recommend it to their friends.

The service operates between



Executive councillor for development and transport Cathy Muldoon said:

“It’s fantastic to see so many Broxburn and Uphall residents making good use of the new service already. We hope to see more members of the Broxburn and Uphall community using the service going forward, demonstrating the demand for the service going forward after the pilot phase.”



Summer Safe

Summer Safe 2021 aims to ensure that West Lothian children and young people stay safe while having fun during the holiday period.



With friends:

Children love to go and play with their friends. Make sure a family member knows where the children are going and when they will be back.

In the sun:

Everyone needs some sun to help keep their bodies healthy, but overexposure to UV can lead to sunburn, premature ageing and skin cancer. Protect your eyes and skin by spending time in the shade when the sun is at its strongest (11am to 3pm in the UK), use sunglasses, wear a hat and apply sunscreen to exposed skin.

In your garden:

Around your barbecue (BBQ) keep children, garden games and pets well away from the cooking area. Keep a bucket of water or sand nearby for emergencies. Avoid injury to children from sharp garden tools by keeping them in good repair and safely tidied away after use.

Around cars:

Drivers should watch out for children playing. Be aware that you may have blind spots, where small children can be hidden from view. Young children and pets should never be left alone inside a vehicle, even when the engine is turned off.

Around water:

Swimming in open water such as lochs, reservoirs, rivers and burns can hold hidden dangers such as extremely cold water, debris, and fast currents. Garden ponds can also hold dangers for very young children.



Visit www.westlothian.gov.uk/summersafe for more information

Ensuring quality education during remote learning

West Lothian schools have been supported to ensure high-quality remote learning can be delivered for local pupils.



The council's Education Quality Assurance Committee recently heard details of the work of the Quality Improvement Team (QIT) to help schools with continuing to improve and raise attainment during remote learning.

To ensure teaching staff could support their pupils, the QIT engage's with school leaders to build capacity for self-evaluation and deliver improvement in key areas, such as: Leadership and Management; Learning Provision; and Success and Achievements.

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This includes over £1 million for additional staffing for schools to help children recover any lost ground during the

initial lockdown period, with spending plans for a further £2.7 million currently being developed to target supporting education recovery over the

coming months.

Executive councillor for education David Dodds said: "There's no doubt the remote learning has been successful in West Lothian, ensuring

pupils could continue learning despite most being unable to attend school.

"This wouldn't have been possible without the hard work of our pupils, and the amazing support they receive from parents/carers and teaching staff.

"We have helped our teaching staff with this unfamiliar role through our school leaders and our QIT, who have a vital role to play in ensuring all our schools can deliver improvements and interventions to provide the valuable service that our young people deserve."



Easter smiles

Our Waste Services team were very popular over Easter.

Piper (three) and Miles (one and a half) really love watching the bin men every week.

The team always wave and say hello and delivered some chocolate Easter eggs to Piper and Miles, who were over the moon with the gesture. They wanted to say thank you!

We know that many of our Waste Service crews extended that kindness to many children over the Easter period. Many parents got in touch to say thank you.

Queens Award for Voluntary Service

Local groups in West Lothian can be nominated for an MBE equivalent for volunteer groups – The Queen's Award.

The Queen's Award for Voluntary Service is the highest award given to local volunteer groups across the UK to recognise outstanding work done in their own communities.

It was created in 2002 to celebrate the anniversary of The Queen's coronation. Any group doing volunteer work that provides a social, economic or environmental service to the local community can be nominated for the award. Each group is assessed on the benefit it brings to the local community and its standing within that community.

The Lord-Lieutenant, Ms Moira Niven MBE, who is Her Majesty the Queen's representative for West Lothian, said:

"The Queen's Award has always been important but I think the past year has brought into sharp focus the role that volunteers play within our local communities.

"The Queen's Award is an opportunity to recognise local people and local groups, and thank them for the role that they play."



The Queen's Award
for Voluntary Service

Visit avs.culture.gov.uk for more details.

Testing centres **OPEN**

Asymptomatic Test Sites (ATS) - for those who don't have Covid-19 symptoms – are open in West Lothian. The testing centres are operated and staffed by West Lothian Council.

The aim of an ATS is to help stop the spread of the virus locally – so it's really important that as many people as possible come along and get tested. Most new cases are people who have the infection but show no symptoms and can pass it on, unknowingly, to others. In the past, many of these people would not have been tested, and the disease would have continued to spread.

The new cases identified through testing do not necessarily mean that the situation is getting worse, but are instead reflective of the ongoing work that is being done to control the virus, including the increased amount of testing being undertaken for people both with and without symptoms.

Residents don't have to book appointments. It's a walk-in service available for everyone without

symptoms who lives or works in West Lothian.

The ATSs are located in different areas of West Lothian and move around. For the most up to date details on what sites are open, please visit: <https://www.westlothian.gov.uk/communitytesting>

Graeme Struthers, Depute Chief Executive of West Lothian Council said: "It's our intention to have test centres located across West Lothian over the coming weeks and months.

"Our centres will allow people to take a test and a result will be available within a very short space of time.

"For those that return a positive test, it will allow them to self-isolate and help prevent the spread of the virus.

Leader of West Lothian Council Lawrence Fitzpatrick added:

"Asymptomatic testing is an important part of the process to help reduce incidents of COVID and I'd encourage as many people as possible to attend our centres to take part in regular testing.

"As always, please stick to the guidance and should you experience COVID symptoms, self-isolate and book a test."

Remember FACTS for a safer Scotland:



FACE COVERINGS



AVOID CROWDS



CLEAN HANDS



TWO METRES



SELF-ISOLATE

Anyone with the symptoms of COVID-19 – a new continuous cough, temperature, loss or change in sense of taste or smell should go online to [nhsinform.scot](https://nhs.uk) to book a test or call **0800 028 2816** if you cannot get online.

AMY*

In lots of ways Amy is just like any other eight-year-old girl:



In one way Amy is nothing like most other eight-year-old girls: Amy doesn't have a family she can belong to...

A family for Amy

Amy is living with a foster carer. She's not able to ever return to the care of her birth family and her current foster carer isn't able to care for her permanently. Amy needs a new family to belong to.

We want to find a forever foster family for Amy; a family for Amy who can care for her until she is grown. All of the people who care about Amy, including her birth family, her current foster carer and social worker, have talked about the sort of family who would be best for Amy. We think that a family with two parents would be best as Amy would love to have a Mum and Dad. Amy would really like them to be 'nice and caring'. So would we.

Amy has lots of energy and loves to have outdoor adventures so we think that an active and energetic family would be best. Amy doesn't have to be the only child in the family and would love to be a big sister if there are other children. Amy would also love a pet. We'd like Amy to have her own room if possible. Amy would especially like if she could decorate it with unicorns.

- Amy needs to be busy.
- She needs routines.
- She needs patience and understanding.
- She needs support.
- **Amy needs a family who will love her:** a family who will enjoy being with her; a family who will give her a positive sense of herself, of who she is and where she's come from and of what she could achieve.

You could be the family we are looking for

If you are interested in finding out more about Amy, or other children who need a home with a loving family please contact the Family Placement Team on 07863557552.

WEST LOTHIAN REMEMBERS PRINCE PHILIP

The Duke of Edinburgh, His Royal Highness Prince Philip visited West Lothian many times prior to his passing earlier this year.

This feature recalls some of the key visits and connections over the years, starting prior to his marriage to the Queen.



In 1942, West Lothian raised over £500,000 for a National Savings scheme to help build and refit ships during World War II. This was more than double the target set, and the admiralty allocated HMS *Wallace* for adoption by West Lothian, with a young First Lieutenant called Philip Mountbatten serving on the ship.

The plaque from HMS *Wallace* is currently on display in Linlithgow Museum.



It was front-page news in June 1955 when Prince Philip had made an unplanned stop in Bathgate, after bad weather forced his helicopter to land in Creamery Park. He and his aides borrowed a car belonging to local mechanic Jimmie Kean and were driven by local Councillor Davidson to Glasgow to meet up with Her Majesty The Queen.

The first official visit as Duke of Edinburgh came a month later in July 1955, with the Queen. Special welcoming events were organised in Linlithgow, Armadale, Whitburn and Bathgate to mark the occasion, with crowds lining the streets.



The Duke of Edinburgh was the first member of the Royal Family to visit the growing new town of Livingston in October 1967, when he made a four-hour visit to Cameron Iron Works.

He made a number of other visits involving business in Livingston, including: a visit to MOTEC training centre in 1973; addressing a one-day UK-wide business innovation conference at Howden Park in 1976; a tour of insulation from waste paper firm Diversified Insulation in 1980; and officially opening the fabrication plant at NEC semi-conductors in 1997.



Innovation conference at Howden Park in 1976



Official opening of NEC semi-conductors in 1997

Prince Philip also officially opened Oatridge Agricultural College in Ecclesmachan in July 1974, where he emphasised the importance of farming saying: "It would not be too much to claim that the future of agriculture in Scotland depends on the people who qualify here."

The Duke also accompanied the Queen on a number of other visits to West Lothian over the years,

including the official opening of the Forth Road Bridge in 1964, when South Queensferry was still part of the area.

In June 1987, where the Royal couple visited Livingston and took part in the new town's 25th anniversary celebrations. Hundreds of local people came out to greet the Royal party as the Queen officially opened Mill Farm (now

Almond Valley Heritage Centre) and took part in a short tour of the town.

Prince Philip was also with the Queen when she officially opened St John's Hospital in Livingston in 1990, with the Duke receiving a tour of the maternity ward and physiotherapy department.



Whitburn gala queen Sandra Wood was among those who got to meet the Royal couple during their visit to Whitburn.

Local tributes to the Duke of Edinburgh were led by West Lothian's Lord Lieutenant Moira Niven MBE, including statements on behalf of West Lothian Council:

"On behalf of the citizens of West Lothian, we send a message of sympathy to Her Majesty, The Queen following the passing of her husband, His Royal Highness Prince Phillip."

Provost Tom Kerr

"The Duke of Edinburgh has a hugely positive impact on the lives of thousands of young people thought his fantastic awards scheme, including many in West Lothian"

Leader of West Lothian Council
Lawrence Fitzpatrick



Have your say on grounds maintenance across West Lothian

West Lothian residents will soon have the opportunity, via Community Choices, to influence the future work of the council's Grounds Maintenance service.

The grounds maintenance service for open spaces, parks, sports facilities, cemeteries, roadside verges and country parks includes cyclical activities such as grass cutting, weed spraying, shrub-bed maintenance and hedge cutting. On 1 April 2019 the council introduced new service standards for Grounds Maintenance with specific priorities set out within these services standards.

A Community Choices process is set to launch which give the local West Lothian community the chance to provide feedback on these service standards to help decide if they remain appropriate when considering the longer-term delivery of the service.

The Community Choices process will take place over a number of stages, providing a number of opportunities for members of the public to get involved.

The stages will take place as follows:

7 JUNE TO
4 JULY
2021

Survey of Grounds Maintenance priorities – An online survey will be open for people across West Lothian to provide feedback on the existing Grounds Maintenance service standards.

The survey will be available via <https://app.surveymonkey.com/s/b24edaf>

Alternative options to take part will be publicised at the time to ensure those who don't have access to a digital device can have their voice heard. One such option will be via telephone by calling 01506 284580 Monday to Thursday from 1-4pm over the weeks the survey is open.



JULY TO
SEPTEMBER
2021

Review of feedback and idea generation – A working group comprised of internal and external stakeholders will review the results of the survey and look at developing a range of options for local communities can vote.

OCTOBER TO
DECEMBER
2021

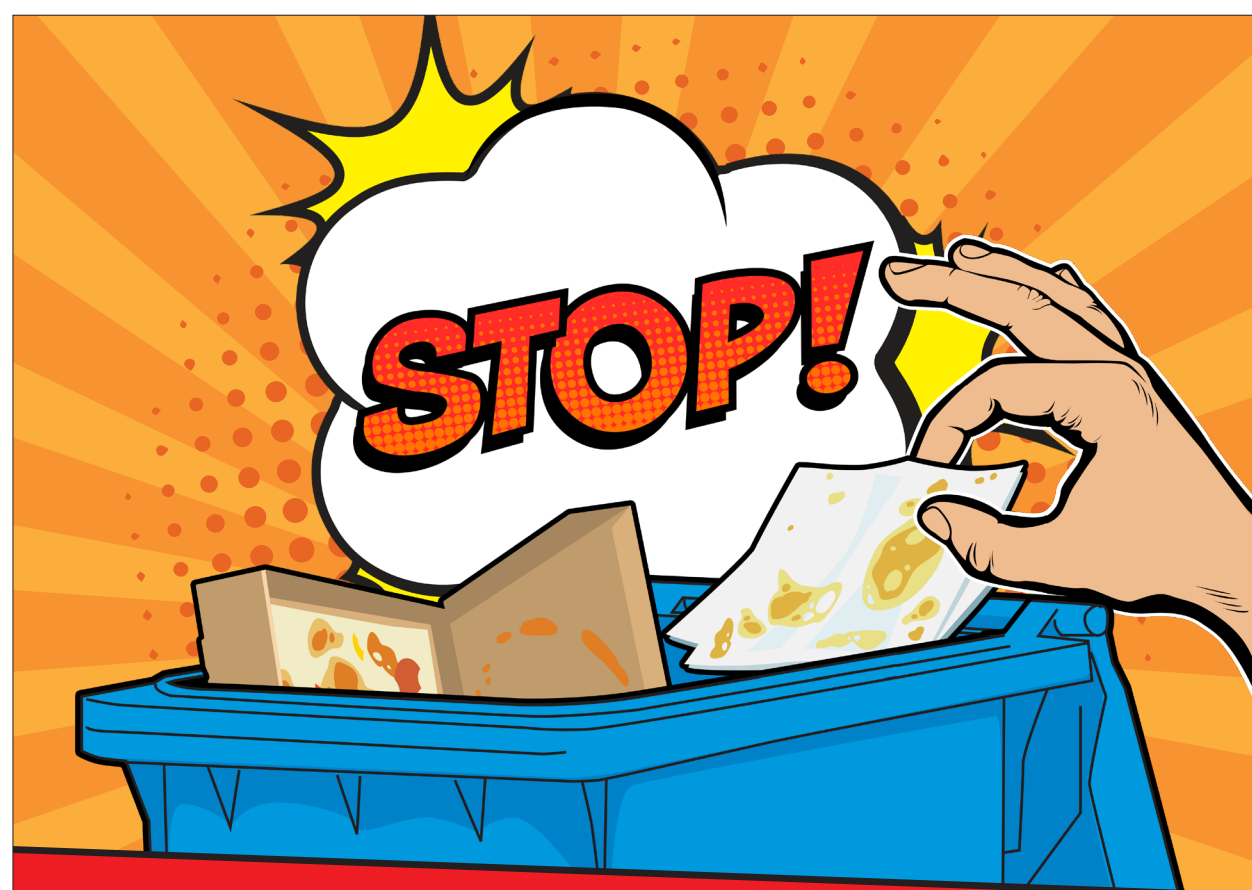
Voting on revised standards – Local communities will then have the chance to vote on which options work best for their local ward area. The vote will be available via the digital engagement platform CONSUL with alternative options including telephone made available at the time to ensure everyone who wants to take part is able to do so. The results of the vote will then be shared publicly prior to the implementation of any changes.

APRIL
2022

Implementation – The options selected by the community will begin to be put into action in the delivery of Grounds Maintenance from April 2022 onwards.



More info: www.westlothian.gov.uk/communitychoices



**WHEN PEOPLE PUT FOOD, LIQUID OR
THE WRONG ITEMS IN THE BLUE BIN,
IT CONTAMINATES THE CONTENTS OF
THE LORRY AND CAN'T BE RECYCLED**

**ONLY PUT THESE MATERIALS
IN YOUR BLUE BIN**

PLASTIC

**PAPER/
CARDBOARD**

CANS/TINS

**MAKE SURE THEY ARE CLEAN,
DRY AND FREE OF
FOOD AND LIQUID TO
PREVENT CONTAMINATION**

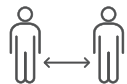
Plastic bags can be placed in the blue bin
but they need to be clean and empty.

Visit: www.westlothian.gov.uk/bluebin
for details on what can be recycled



LOVE YOUR PARK AND BE RESPONSIBLE

Parks and greenspaces are great for getting exercise, relaxing and boosting your physical and mental health, and we have many Local, Neighbourhood, District and Country Parks throughout West Lothian. We hope that you will continue to use your local parks and greenspaces this summer. However, we have recently had some problems with overcrowding, litter and parking. Please remember to be responsible, follow the Scottish Outdoor Access Code (www.outdooraccess-scotland.scot/) and stick to the following guidelines when out and about:



Keep to the latest government guidelines about physical distancing and give other people plenty of space



Park only in designated parking areas and always have a back-up plan - if a park or beauty spot is very busy, go somewhere else

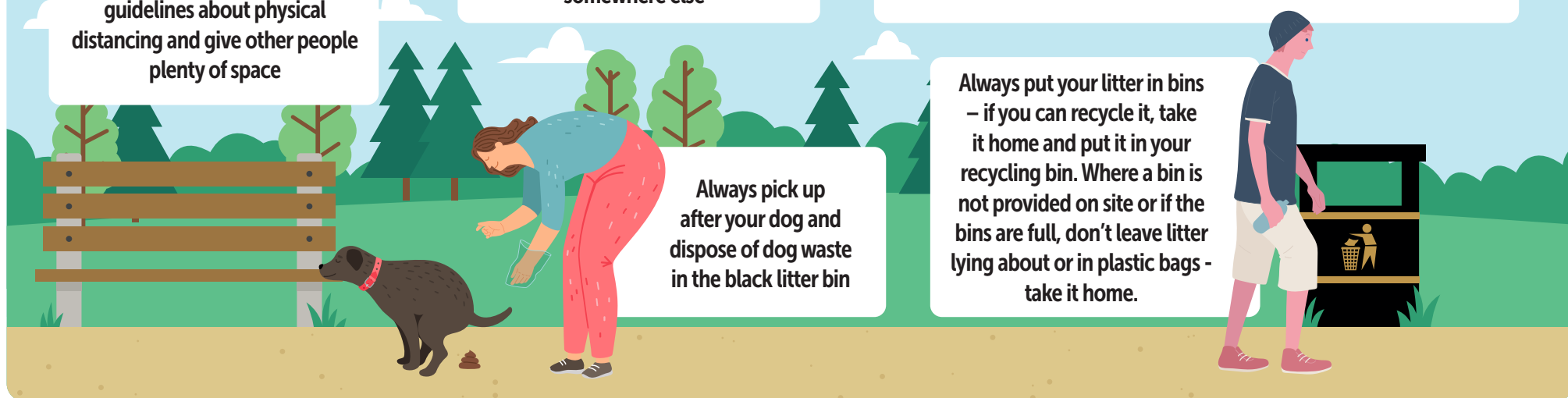
Bring sanitiser or wipes with you to the park. Don't touch your face, and wash your hands when you get home

Stick to guidelines about wearing face coverings – especially at the visitor centres at Almondell & Calderwood and Beecraigs



Always pick up after your dog and dispose of dog waste in the black litter bin

Always put your litter in bins – if you can recycle it, take it home and put it in your recycling bin. Where a bin is not provided on site or if the bins are full, don't leave litter lying about or in plastic bags - take it home.



Help on hand

Better off

The Advice Shop supported 14,258 people in West Lothian last year, helping them to access over £30 million in additional funds



Free School Meals and Additional Payments

Over the past year, many households have faced challenging times.

The impact of the COVID pandemic has increased pressure on household budgets and, whilst restrictions are being eased, many households will continue to face challenges over the coming months. It is important for children to have a healthy, nutritious lunch each day and ALL parents/guardians are being asked to consider whether they qualify for free school meals.

You may qualify for free school meals if your household is on a low income and in receipt of:

- Income Support/Pension Credit
- Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance
- Any income related element of Employment and Support Allowance
- Child Tax Credit (but not Working Tax Credit) with an annual income of £16,105 or less
- Both Child Tax Credit and Working Tax Credit with an annual income of £7,330 or less Universal Credit where your 'monthly earned income' is not more than £610

Free School Meal Holiday Payments

All children in receipt of free school meals on the basis of low-income eligibility (P1-S6) as of 25 June 2021 will receive a payment amounting to £15 over each week of the school holidays. The next payments will be made over the summer holidays. Parents will not have to apply for this payment as it will be paid directly into your bank account.

Summer and Winter Family Pandemic Payment

Two £100 Family Pandemic Payments (FPP), paid for each child of school age (P1-S6) in receipt of free school meals on the basis of low-income eligibility criteria, will be made in summer and winter respectively. The first £100 will be made prior to summer school holidays and will be paid for each child in receipt of free school meals on the basis of low-income eligibility as of 25 June 2021. The winter payment will be paid prior to the Christmas school holidays and will be paid for each child in receipt of free school meals on the basis of low-income eligibility as of 22 December 2021. Again, parents will not have to apply for this payment as it will be paid directly into your bank account.

Please take the time to find out whether you are eligible as it can provide additional financial support to you and your family.

You will find more information and the application form on the Council's website at:
www.westlothian.gov.uk/mealsandclothing



If you need help or wish to know if you might qualify for any benefit entitlements then please contact the Advice Shop on 01506 283000 or email advice.shop@westlothian.gov.uk

EXPLORE WEST LOTHIAN WITH



Visit West Lothian

If you're looking to get out and about this summer, go to www.visitwestlothian.co.uk to find the ideal place to start.

Our new **Walks & Outdoor Activities** section features a range of routes across the area, with turn-by-turn directions, reviews and points of interest on route.

Explore the area with our new series of podcasts and interactive audio trails, available free on the Visit West Lothian website. The podcasts cover West Lothian's History & Heritage, Film & TV and attractions.

Our new audio trails provide a "virtual tour guide" for you to navigate the area. To start,

simply navigate to the dedicated section on the website, pick a trail you're interested in and press Start.

You'll receive directions to each attraction, and once you've arrived, press play and you'll hear a range of information covering history as well as some fun facts. A transcript of the content on the trail is also available for each section too if you would prefer.



If you'd like to discover more about West Lothian's Film and TV fame, our self-guided Film on Forth itineraries are the perfect way to see the locations that made the big (and small!) screen.

Covering both West Lothian and Falkirk, retrace the steps of big-name productions such as *Outlander* and *Trainspotting* – featuring stops at Midhope Castle, Linlithgow Palace and Beecraigs Country Park in West Lothian as well as The Kelpies and Callendar House a short distance away in Falkirk too.



www.filmonforth.co.uk



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Armada, EH48 2PD. 01501 734404,
www.edinburghmonarchs.co.uk,
info@edinburghmonarchs.co.uk

Bulletin



New Hopetoun Garden Centre



Free tea or coffee for two gardening lovers

Present this original voucher in the Orangery tearoom any day in June or July to receive free tea or coffee for two people.

Terms and conditions: Original voucher must be presented. Not exchangeable for cash or other goods. Expires 31 July 2021.

New Hopetoun Gardens, by Winchburgh EH52
6QZ. 01506 834433,
www.newhopetoungardens.co.uk

Bulletin



FLY-TIPPING IS CRIMINAL **NO EXCUSE**



Over 80% of fly-tipping is a result of commercial operators dumping household materials such as old kitchen and bathroom suites and flooring, as well as garden waste.

HOUSEHOLDERS CAN HELP:

Always check that the tradespeople you employ have a Waste Carrier Licence.

Don't use tradespeople who can't provide you with a Waste Carrier Licence. You should ensure that the removal of waste is included in any quote for work and get a waste transfer note/receipt for taking your waste away.

If you have not made these checks, and your waste is dumped illegally, you could share liability jointly with your tradesperson and be subject to enforcement action, a fixed penalty notice or court action.

REPORT IT: www.westlothian.gov.uk/report or 01506 280000



FIT BACK INTO LIFE WITH XCITE!

west lothian leisure



It's good to be back! This past year or so has highlighted the importance of being active and the countless benefits activity has on both physical and mental health.

We're all in this together and the highly trained, friendly Xcite Team are ready to help you every step of the way. There are a number of fun activities for you to come along to, no matter your fitness level. It's all about being active, healthier, and feeling good!

**GYM • SWIM • INDOOR & OUTDOOR FITNESS CLASSES
ONLINE CLASSES • GOLF • SPORTS • KIDS COACHING**

For more information on Xcite's activities, venues, timetables, safety measures, how to book, and membership offers download the WLL Xcite App or visit westlothianleisure.com. Please take the time to read through their Safety Commitment and FAQs before visiting.

Please note, available activities depend on the latest Scottish Government Guidelines. Please visit westlothianleisure.com for latest updates and more info on what activities must be pre-booked.

NEW TO XCITE

KIDS COACHING PROGRAMME

Healthier
Happier
Together

FIT BACK
INTO LIFE
WITH XCITE



Xcite is delighted to launch their NEW kids' Coaching Programme! The programme has been developed by engaging with national sporting bodies and customer feedback and aims to encourage local youngsters to be active.

The exciting changes will empower children to advance in all of their sporting activities, in a fun, local environment with highly skilled coaches. Activities include gymnastics, football, golf, hockey and Xcite's successful Learn 2 Swim Programme!

WHAT'S NEW?

A new framework taking your child on a journey, from early years to pre-school, primary school right through to local clubs.

A new level structure focusing on your child's development.

A timetable designed with more choice and access to a variety of sports so your child can do more.

Classes that run all year, including school holidays.

ADDED BENEFITS

- Quality standard across all coaching activities.
- Expert coaches and classes are taken in a safe, local environment.

- Levels that are easy to follow and for your child to understand.
- Progression at a rate specific to your child, so they can move up a level when they are ready.
- Established pathways from completion of the levels to local clubs.
- New online weekly reports so you can see how your child is progress in each activity.

To find out more and how-to sign-up visit westlothianleisure.com
Memberships start from £20.95 per month.

If you go down to the woods today, you're sure of a big surprise!

That's right panto pals; introducing identical twins Brodie and Bryony! Brodie has the looks (or at least he thinks he does) and Bryony has the...well she's not got much going for her. In fact, she's a total fearty! Oh pals, that's not ideal if you are lost in the deep dark scary woods, is it? 'Oh no it isn't', I hear you cry.

Can their gorgeous Mammy, Dame Marge Meringue, find her poor wee lost bairns? What strange creatures

will they meet on their adventure? And what is evil Rowan Reekie, Bake-Off Winner 2014, doing in town?

To find out all the answers bring along the family to the Martin and Martin Theatre production of *Bairns in the Wood*, at Howden Park Centre in Livingston, for another Christmas cracker of a show! Brought to you by the same team that created the hit panto, *Cinderella*!

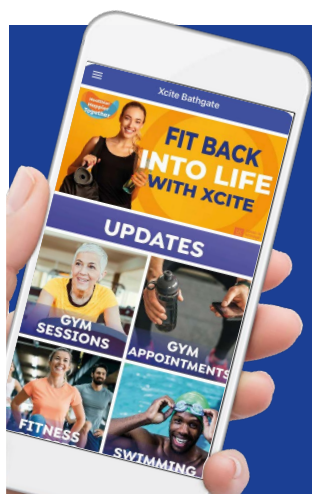


Martin and Martin Theatre Company

2021 TICKETS AVAILABLE NOW @ www.howdenparkcentre.co.uk



Starts 3rd December to 28th December 2021, it is the best thing you'll see this year - OH YES IT IS! Tickets are selling fast so visit howdenparkcentre.com to secure yours now. Prices start from £9.50 and special offers may be available!



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