

Chairman's Notes

Summer sun should bring a flush to our cheeks but this year we were more likely to be flushed away.

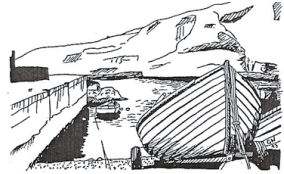
Christmas Festivities Yes, it's fast approaching that time of year again. Once again we will be having our usual Christmas Concert followed by the switch on of our Christmas Tree lights. This year it is being held on Sunday 4th December so make a note in your diary to come along and join us.

Planning We are extremely concerned to learn that our submitted comments on the Scotia Home's and Stewart Milne's Planning Applications appear to have got lost within the Planning Department and consequently not considered in the report on these developments. We were particularly concerned as to how the previously tipped material would be removed from part of the sites without affecting existing residents. We are also extremely annoyed that that the playing field we had asked for and was shown in the public consultation plans has been omitted by the developers. It makes a mockery of public consultation when developers can behave in this manner and are not taken to task by the planners.

Vandalism Once again it has reared its ugly head with, for the second time in a matter of weeks, the bus shelter on Earns Heugh Road being targeted. This is just not acceptable behaviour in our community and the perpetrators need to be caught and punished including paying for the damage they have caused. If you have any information please contact the police **0845 600 5 700** or Crimestoppers **0800 555 111**.

Hollows in Roads

Depressions, not potholes, have appeared in the road



surface on Cove Road and more recently in Strathburn Street. They are probably the result of water from a burst drain or water pipe washing away the ground under the road and the tar surface has sunk into the hole. So far the roads department have only topped up the depressions with tar but they continue to sink. We have asked them to investigate the cause and carry out full remedial works as they are an unwelcome additional hazard to road users.

Pallet Garden Despite winning Gold in the Royal Highland Show at Ingleston they were unfortunately beaten into second place at the RHS show in Aberdeen. This ended a three year winning streak but hopefully they will be back on the podium next year.

Cove in Bloom Many thanks to the small team who looked after our flowerbeds and not forgetting the resident who tended our rose bed at the entrance to Cove. This year the judges were impressed with our efforts including our new allotments and we were awarded a Level 4 Thriving.

Community Councillors We are still short of Members and we are likely to lose another who is leaving Cove. If you have an interest in your Community why not come along to our next meeting and observe what we do. Don't worry you won't be pressed ganged into joining us.

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