

Reducing Rat Running

After consulting with residents, Glasgow City Council's Environmental Services Department and the emergency services, the Strathbungo Society has submitted a formal request to create a new Traffic Regulation Order in Strathbungo. A Traffic Regulation Order (TRO) is an order, enforceable by law, which allows the Highway's Authority to regulate the movement of vehicles and pedestrians. They typically take 9-12 months from design to implementation.

The proposed TRO would block off the back lanes in Strathbungo at the junction between Moray Place Lane and Regent Park Square and the junction of Pollokshaws Road Lane and Nithsdale Road. The Council has also agreed to improve and fill-in the pavements at these points.

The Strathbungo Society hopes this will also prevent further deterioration of the condition of the lanes between Regent Park Square and Nithsdale Road. The decision to pursue the TRO was taken at the last AGM and the Society has spent a year consulting with residents, the Council and the emergency services to come up with a workable solution to some perennial problems in the back lanes - rat running and damage to the feet of the lanes by cars and other vehicles - which still ensnare resident access.



STRATHBUNGO SOCIETY

MERCHANDISE

The all-new **Bungo Bags**, with a wider shape and extra-long handles, proved a big hit at Bungo in The Back Lanes. We will sell them at just **£4 each or 3 for £10** and they're very sturdy, washable and portable.

We also have **Bungo T-shirts**. The simple logo t-shirts, in black, are available in L and XL. Or you can buy a vintage **Get Off Your Arse T-shirt** from our very limited stock, in white for the same price.

If you would like to purchase these, either e-mail admin@strathbungo.co.uk or call Lara Moodie on 0141 4233 9238. They are also stocked in Granach Cafe on Nithsdale Road.

Strathbungo Society AGM

Monday
24th August 2009
at 7.30pm

Church Of Scotland, 180 Queens Drive

Come along and have YOUR say on:

- The Traffic Regulation Order
- Planning Issues and the Society
- Whatever else is on YOUR Agenda

Tea and coffee afterwards. See you there!

Residents who took part in the consultation strongly supported the proposal and they have recently had an opportunity to see the impact of the order as, by chance, the lanes are currently closed off the two proposed points of building work. Road works on Nithsdale Road in the area and for the last few months a collapsed wall near the junction between Moray Place Lane and Regent Park Square has rendered it impossible to vehicles.

A resident on Nithsdale Road told the Society, "The traffic through the lanes onto Nithsdale Road has been hugely reduced recently, particularly at peak times. There has also been no fly-tipping in the Nithsdale/Pollokshaws Lane since the scaffolding went up, whereas it's been a huge problem in the past." We hope to provide an update on the progress of the TRO at a meeting.

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Fundraising Walk for Moira

Grant Jones has embarked on a walk from Fort Mearns Cape West to Inverness for the Moira Fund.

He set off on 11th July and if he holed the walk can be completed in three weeks. Grants sister, Moira, was murdered in Queens Park last May and the Moira Fund has been set up by her family to provide grants for those working with victims of crime. If you would like to sponsor Grant or donate to the Moira Fund, please contact: **The Moira Fund, PO Box 313, Strathford S116 9L, Dundee, AA04**

Newark Drive Nursery To Close

Newark Drive nursery has failed in its attempts to prevent closure under Proposal 21. Pupils are expected to transfer to the new Early Years Centre in the Melville Street Primary School Annex from next term. Nithsdale Road Nursery was reopened due to its distance from the Melville Street Early Years Centre.



Go Age have pulled out of the proposed adventure park development in Pollok Park.

In a rather embarrassing vote last night, just days after the project had been agreed to finance the £5m Go Age facility, it would be agreed to cancel the scheme. The council pulled out during financial constraints due to changes in the proposed scheme to meet the demands of the National Trust for Scotland.

Jerome Murphy, managing director of Go Age, said: "We have concluded that the amount of work required to adapt knownhead Lodge to incorporate our reputation also would be too extensive and impractical. We have therefore decided, after much thought, not to go ahead with building a course in Pollok Park."

Campaign group Save Pollok Park felt the council was allowing private enterprise to capitalise on a public asset for short-term gain. They strongly objected to the passage of the park being changed irreversibly. The council, for its part, believed Go Age would energise its park and population.

SHAWLANDS TOWN CENTRE Action Plan

Glasgow City Council is keen to find out what Strathbungo residents think should be done to enhance Shawlands. An action plan was launched by the council after residents and Strathbungo Community Council called for the Shawlands shopping area to be redeveloped.

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What Now For McKeever?

Swing and roundabouts is perhaps the best description for developments concerning the McKeever Group and Queens Park residents' long-running campaign against the management of numerous properties around Balfour Street and Queens Drive which were used for short-term holiday lets and to house homeless people, many in need of support, by Councils throughout Scotland.

The Council had agreed to take part in a Public Local Inquiry (PLI) this summer. A PLI involves an independent referee, appointed by the Council, to hear evidence

to enable a decision on whether planning permission should be granted or refused. Last month, however, Glasgow City Council requested that the PLI be delayed whilst McKeever and the Council will decide to

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In our cover article last issue on the children's art competition we printed the wrong picture to illustrate the winner of the 5-12 age group. Our apologies to Alice Madson, pictured here with Avril Paton.

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A Belt of a Bungo/Bash

A fantastic summer afternoon helped the Strathbungo Society to run the most successful Bungo in The Back Lanes event. The great weather in the afternoon, along with the day, helped to draw out the crowds to support the event and there were more visitors, stalls and good things than ever.

This year's event was made possible thanks to a donation from Glasgow City Council's Pollokshaws Sae Committee which covered the bulk of our standard running costs. Many thanks to them and to our city councillors for supporting our application for the event. Our donors from merchants, our donors from residents, stalls were much loved, thank you.

If you want to get more involved in the Strathbungo Society it's always happy to hear from you. Visit www.strathbungo.co.uk, come along to one of our regular meetings (Third Monday of the month from 7.45pm at Granach) or e-mail info@strathbungo.co.uk to publicise the event and pay for public liability insurance.

See lots more photos of the day overleaf!

Read Strathbungo News online at www.strathbungo.co.uk

The Strathbungo Society offers thanks to all those who helped make this year's event extra special.

This include:

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2nd Glasgow Scouts

Alim's

All at the children's garden

Bewitching Beauty

Busy Bees Craft Studio

Carlona Craig

Environmental Protection Services

Floreal Haven

Glasgow Chiropractic

Grimach

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John Richardson for poster duty

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Marie Brown At Home

Moyra Jane's

Mulberry Street

New Anand

New Victoria Gardens

Nisa Day Today's

Orange Newsgazets

Paris Babhill

Pizza Hut

Roberto Caviers for many of these great photographs

Rod And Rollies

Shimla Pinks

Sunshine Creer

Tabat's Chi Chi Society

Tapas

The Alison Arms

The Barber Biker

Urban Beauty

Zucchini

All our merry band of volunteers And thanks, most of all, to YOU for holding a stall, buying a beer and having fun.

SEE YOU NEXT YEAR!



NITHSDALE ROAD IMPROVEMENTS

At last year's AGM a number of Nithsdale Road residents expressed concern about the appearance of their street. The Society had hoped to use the EMTD's grant money to improve things but were restricted by the terms of the grant in how we could spend the money.

After a long battle for funding, the Council has agreed to fund the improvements and, with their counterparts at the entrance to Tinwood Road and Vernal Gardens, provide an attractive visual signpost at two key entrance points to the conservation area.

A more surprising recent addition to Nithsdale Road has been the new recycling point. The need for additional recycling facilities, particularly in denser areas, has been raised several times at recent AGMs but with no concrete plans announced to install them.

Perhaps the Council responded to this demand, or maybe they just found some spare recycling units in the back of a cupboard after a spring clean, but the new recycling points have been installed at the same time as the old facilities at Kilnston Street have been upgraded.



Residents who live close to the new facilities were concerned about a possible increase in noise but are also very pleased to have recycling facilities so conveniently located.

The Strathbungo Society and the Community Council were not informed before the recycling points were installed but feel the City Council chose the most suitable site for them in the area.



So now there's no excuse for not recycling - fit your Bungo Bags with this and do your bit for tidying up Strathbungo and the Planet!



Community Clean-Up

A clean-up has been organised for Strathbungo on Sunday 20th September from 12.30pm - 3.0pm.

The organisers need as many volunteers as possible to help clean up the area. At the same time, we will be collecting Bungo Bags filled with rubbish from just one block here!

This clean-up by residents in the spring - and the Council before Bungo in the Black Lanes - has really helped to keep on top of

the litter and fly-tipping problem in the area. If you are interested in helping, contact Ron Noble from Glasgow Community and Safety Services who will supply all the tools needed on the day. Just bring your enthusiasm!

Meet at the Sammy Doves entrance to the lane.



Bungo in Bloom

Bungo in the Black Lanes gave Strathbungo's residents a chance to show off their gardens in their summer frenzy. It seems the area has been bitten by the garden bug and however small, shared or public, residents are working hard to make their green spaces shine.

The list of shared green spaces in the conservation area is one of Strathbungo's more problematic unique points. Although we're fortunate to be bordered by Queens Park, all the trees and gardens which give Strathbungo its leafy atmosphere are in private ownership and their appearance depends very much on the efforts and preferences of the owners.



It isn't just those fortunate enough to own a complete expanse who have been hard at work. Some of the most improved gardens in the area are shared by residents in tenement blocks. By talking to their neighbours and sharing the workload, gardens which were once little more than overgrown drying greens or iron-falling-fenced pavements have become attractive shared spaces to be enjoyed by all the residents and, in some cases, passers-by.



If you've been inspired by a neighbour's garden, let us know! Greens spaces, even in the Dear Green Place, need to be treasured and nurtured and working together gets results. Recent posters on the Bungo Blog have been encouraging their neighbours to get out their green fingers by offering free compost and, with autumn around the corner, now is the time to think about propagation. Why not use the Bungo Blog to get paid to do it to save the neighbours' struggling to handle a large garden? Why not see if a neighbour might want to help out in return for a small patch they can call their own to create a vegetable plot.



The Strathbungo Society has run a hedge-cutting service for residents for two years now. Even if you don't have a hedge, you can still get your hedge cut back, your hedge or provide the tools for you to do it yourself. The main aim of this is to prevent overgrown hedges from taking up so much of the width of our narrow pavements. Spring and late summer are the best times of year to tackle this job, so if your hedge needs a little attention call Matthew on 0141 4339238



Go to www.bungoblog.com or, if you have difficulty accessing the internet, call the number above or write to the editor and the Society can post the information on your behalf. Above all, be inspired! Even if you can only stretch to a window box, make the most of what you've got.

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