

MARR AREA partnership

NEWSLETTER February 2010

Working with the diverse communities of Marr to encourage and enable the sustainable development of their economic, environmental and social future.



Welcome to our February newsletter.

COMMUNITY SUPPORT

Engaging the future ...



Welcome to the home page of The Tullynessle & Forbes Hall & Community Association. The purpose of this site is to provide the local community with a source of information concerning events in the community in general and in the hall in particular. <http://www.tullynessleandforbes.org/>



VSA is a major social care charity in the North East of Scotland. Formed in 1870 it provides a wide range of caring services touching the lives of thousands of people in need each year. This website provides further details of its services, volunteering and also its annual events. <http://www.vsa.org.uk/>



Marr Area Partnership is a community based organisation, and a registered charity. It is managed by volunteer representatives of communities and partner agencies, working with three part time development officers to help communities in the Marr Area of Aberdeenshire. <http://www.marrareapartnership.org.uk/>



Torphins is a very pleasant village in Royal Deeside, Aberdeenshire, Scotland and lies on the Beltie Burn, with an estimated population of 1,134. The village first appeared on a map in 1750 as "Turfins", and some, but not all sources propose that the name comes from the Gaelic torr fionns meaning "white hills", perhaps a reference to the Hill of Fare, to the east. <http://www.torphins.org/>

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COMMUNITY GRANTS & FUNDING ADVICE

Resourcing for the future ...



CARES stands for Community and Renewable Energy Scheme and is the Scottish Government's rebranding of the previous *Scottish Community and Householder Renewables Initiative* (SCHRI) programme. Community Energy Scotland were awarded the contract to deliver CARES across the whole of

Scotland on behalf of the Scottish Government for three years from May 2009. CARES continues the support available for communities under the previous SCHRI programme and builds on this by increasing the maximum grant levels by 50%. Grants of up to £150K are now available.
<http://www.communityenergyscotland.org.uk/cares.asp>



The E.On sustainable energy fund offers grants of up to £20,000 to community groups and not-for-profit organisations who want to implement sustainable energy projects in their buildings. The organisation must be

benefitting at least one of the following groups - education, vulnerable people and /or people in fuel poverty. The maximum grant is 90% of total costs and there are a number of other requirements which are listed on their website. Applications are assessed twice a year and the next deadline is April 2nd, 2010. <http://eon-uk.com/about/2689.aspx>



We manage an Initiative Grant Scheme, which is funded by Aberdeenshire Council Marr Area Committee. Grants of up to £1,000 under this scheme are available to support community groups in Marr and have a focus on supporting sustainable development. This may be

economic, social, cultural or environmental. If related to larger schemes they can be for project start-up costs which will help groups bring a project idea into reality.
<http://www.marrareapartnership.org.uk/ourwork.html#Grants>



Hilton in the Community Foundation is committed to supporting those most in need to have a brighter future. Focusing on children and young people, the Foundation supports activities in education and health to relieve suffering and equip individuals. At times of humanitarian disaster, the Foundation quickly responds to support relief efforts in affected areas. <http://www.hilton-foundation.org.uk/home.htm>

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COMMUNITY SUSTAINABILITY

Protecting the future ...



Communities can have a major role to play in increasing energy efficiency and reducing carbon dioxide (CO₂) emissions. Better energy efficiency could also give your community a boost by cutting costs and improving facilities. Find out how the Energy Saving Trust in Scotland can help.

<http://www.energysavingtrust.org.uk/scotland/Scotland-Welcome-page/Communities-in-Scotland>



In Kind Direct re-distributes new goods donated by some of Britain's best-known manufacturers and retailers to hundreds of voluntary organisations working at home and abroad. Founded in 1996, In

Kind Direct has since gone on to assist 7000 charities, working with more than 800 donor businesses and funders. <http://www.inkinddirect.org/>



Climate change is happening! Changing seasons and shifting weather patterns are affecting life in the Park, the UK and across the globe. This new website not only gives you lots of helpful tips on how you can

contribute to a low carbon Cairngorms but also gives you ideas on how to save money by changing the way you heat your house. The website holds a directory within it so if you're looking for somewhere to buy logs, chips or pellets or want to find out who can supply and install woodfuel heating for you, then you're in the right place. <http://www.lowcarboncairngorms.org/woodfuel/index.asp>



WRAP helps individuals, businesses and local authorities to reduce waste and recycle more, making better use of resources and helping to tackle climate change. <http://www.wrapscotland.org.uk/index.html>

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STRATEGIC PLANS

Planning for the future ...

**ABERDEEN
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*Strategic Development
Planning Authority*

The Strategic Development Planning Authority (SDPA) is a partnership between Aberdeen City and Aberdeenshire Councils and has a key role in guiding development over the next 25 years. Its vision is to create an even more exciting, modern and sustainable European city region - an excellent place to live, visit and do business. The SDPA was designated by Scottish Ministers on 25 June 2008 and is one of 4 city-region planning authorities in Scotland. Its primary role is to prepare and keep up-to-date a strategic development plan for the area. It will do this by engaging with both stakeholders and communities - all with an interest in the future of the area. Before starting work on a strategic development plan it took forward a new structure plan which was approved by Scottish Ministers on 14 August 2009.

<http://www.aberdeencityandshire-sdpa.gov.uk/home/home.asp>

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The Historic Environment Strategy 2010-2015 is the first Aberdeenshire Council has produced for the area's historical environment and, although the Council had only limited resources, it was aimed at identifying and assessing the condition of the thousands of listed buildings, ancient monuments and other important historic sites in the north-east and assessing their needs, in terms of maintenance, restoration or development. The historic environment of several towns and villages in Aberdeenshire is being reviewed, as part of the strategy, to assess their assets and needs. The strategy can be read under point 8 of Marr Area Committee's meeting in January.

http://www.aberdeenshire.gov.uk/committees/detail.asp?ref_no=802572870061668E8025755A004B8534



The Cairngorms National Park Authority has been directed to adopt a plan that lays the foundation for an effective network of paths in the Cairngorms National Park for years to come. The Plan highlights an overall path network of new and existing tracks, roads, pavements and water courses in the Park totalling around 932km (579 miles) – that is further than the main road equivalent of Aviemore to London. The Plan will provide the basis for a programme of improvements that will deliver a wide range of social, economic and environmental benefits.

<http://www.cairngorms.co.uk/outdooraccess/corepathsplanning/>



Aberdeen City and Shire Economic Future (ACSEF) has developed this site in order to make information available on its purpose, vision and members, as well as details on the priorities and actions that are being progressed as part of the Economic Action

Plan - Building on Energy. The site will also keep you updated on new developments and the latest press releases from ACSEF. <http://www.acsef.co.uk/>

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COMMUNITY LEADERSHIP

People for the future ...



The Heritage Lottery Fund has announced that the new Skills for the Future programme is now open to applications. This is a new £5million grant programme that will deliver up to 1,000 paid training opportunities for people across the UK seeking a career in heritage. The programme is open to applications from organisations and partnerships – for example of community and voluntary organisations, professional bodies and learning and training providers and will provide grants of between £100,000 and £1 million for projects which provide paid training placements to meet a skills gap in the heritage sector, and fully support trainees to learn practical skills. Closing date for applications is 19th March 2010.

<http://www.hlf.org.uk/news/Pages/SkillsfortheFutureprogramme.aspx>



Do you know an unsung hero who deserves to be recognised? Do you know someone who works tirelessly to improve their community and/or country? Or is there a young person in the public eye that inspires you? There are 13

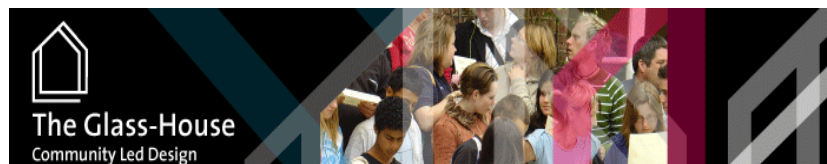
awards, from sports to cultural diversity, democracy and citizenship and volunteering. Simply go to the Nominate Now page and make your nomination for the young person you think has really made a difference to people's lives this year.

http://www.quaydigitalscotland.co.uk/sites/events/a_young_scot/index.html



At the Social Enterprise Academy we believe passionately in the power of learning to deliver personal, organisational, and sector growth. Learning with us will enable you to reflect on your day-to-day roles and responsibilities, giving you the tools and self-belief to tackle challenges as they arise. The Academy's unique style of learning is available to all whatever your budget and we are proud to

be able to deliver learning directly to your community throughout Scotland. <http://www.theacademy-ssea.org/>



The Glass-House is a registered charity that supports and encourages better working partnerships between communities and professionals who are working

together to improve the quality of a neighbourhood. The Glass-House works nationally, offering design advice, training and project support to projects focusing on neighbourhoods, housing, public space, community buildings, play areas and facilities for young people. The Glass-House supports a community led design process that ensures regeneration is happening *with* and *for*, not *to* local people. <http://www.theglasshouse.org.uk/>

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RESEARCH, INFORMATION & IT Communications for the future ...

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Aberdeenshire Council would like your feedback on the maintenance of the roads, footpaths and public grounds: roads - maintenance, general standards, roads - winter maintenance - gritting and snow clearing, footways - public paths and pavements, and parks and open spaces - public ground, playparks. http://www.aberdeenshire.gov.uk/parks/customer_feedback.asp



You can now find information about Scottish places past and present, selected from the holdings of the partner organisations. This includes digital copies of: maps and plans of cities, towns, villages, farms, roads, canals, harbours, churches, schools, public buildings, private houses, mines and quarries; photographs of the built environment in The Royal Commission on the Ancient and

Historical Monuments of Scotland; archaeological reports on historic and prehistoric sites, and manuscript records and printed books from millions of pages in government and private records, including tax rolls, owners of land and heritages, and the annual reports of county Medical Officers of Health. <http://www.scotlandspplaces.gov.uk/>



The Open University has recently launched a new short course entitled 'Sustainable Scotland'. The course looks at many aspects of the sustainability agenda, including cultural and community sustainability. It is designed to allow students to explore some of the issues in the context of their own local area as well as looking at ways to develop a sustainable future. There is also a series of comparisons with other small countries to see how they are tackling some of these challenges. The course is taught entirely on-line with registration now open for the first session which starts in May 2010. http://www.open.ac.uk/cam/sustainableScotland/?OFFTPI=1107a&MEDIA=inc_sustainableScotland



Whether you are already a fundraiser looking for your next big idea or would like to make a difference but aren't sure where to start, there's a section of [how2fundraise.org](http://www.how2fundraise.org/) for you. <http://www.how2fundraise.org/>

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PILOT PROJECTS

Testing for the future ...



A C C E S S I N G S C O T L A N D ' S P A S T

'Accessing Scotland's Past' (ASP) is an exciting

pilot project underway at the Royal Commission on Ancient and Historical Monuments of Scotland (RCAHMS). RCAHMS records and interprets the rich variety of sites and monuments and buildings which together make up Scotland's built heritage. Supported by the Heritage Lottery Fund, ASP is currently running as a 'proof of concept' for one year in a limited geographical area. The target areas chosen are the Cairngorms, in Aberdeenshire and Moray, and the Merse, in the Scottish Borders. The project is being run in partnership with the local authority archaeologists for Moray, Aberdeenshire Council and Scottish Borders Council. <http://www.accessingscotlandspast.org.uk/>



Tarland community composting. The aim of this project is to provide a non-profitmaking, volunteer-led service to the Tarland community for the collection and recycling of green garden waste. The scheme will operate a kerbside bag collection service. Unique, large garden waste bags will be provided to members for an annual fee. Bags will be filled with garden waste only. The waste will then be collected from the kerbside, or designated area, on 15 pre-arranged fortnightly dates from April to November.

http://www.tarland.org.uk/?Tarland_Community%26nbsp%3BComposting



Car Aid Rhynie. The aim of the organisation is to fill the gaps where there is

no transport provided by the hospital transport service. Due to cutbacks it has become a problem for patients to get to certain clinics and CAR is able to provide transport if required. If the surgery is unable to arrange transport they will ask the patient to contact the CAR organiser who will arrange for a volunteer driver. This service also provides transport to clinics at Rhynie Medical Practice if the patient has no other means of getting there.

<http://rhynie.webnode.com/car/>



Glamourhagh Allotments Creation Managed by Huntly Rotary Club. The project is to create an allotment site for the benefit of Huntly Community, providing growing space, a summerhouse, storage shed and a composting toilet. Sixteen plots will be created with two being set aside for local schools and community groups. An all ability footpath with seating areas will surround the fenced allotment. The allotment will also bring a social aspect to the Community as an area where people can meet and spend time. <http://www.aberdeenshireleader.org/index.html>

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<http://www.communityenergyscotland.org.uk/cares.asp>
<http://eon-uk.com/about/2689.aspx>
<http://www.marrareapartnership.org.uk/ourwork.html#Grants>
<http://www.hilton-foundation.org.uk/home.htm>

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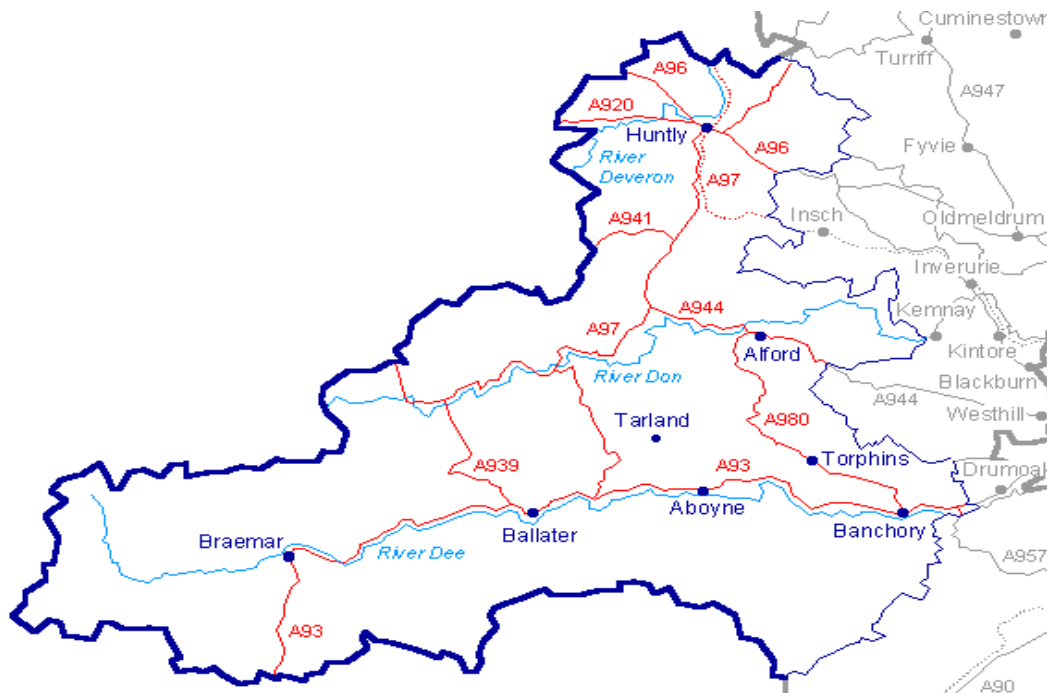
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The MARR Area



The MARR Area Partnership (MAP) operates in the largest of the six areas of Aberdeenshire.

Occupying 48% of the land mass but inhabited by just 15% of the population of Aberdeenshire, Marr offers many examples of rural and urban communities working to establish their individual ways ahead.

Within Marr, in addition to MAP, there are other partnerships covering specific local areas:

- Royal Deeside Partnership (consisting of Mid Deeside Ltd, Ballater Royal Deeside and Braemar Tourism Group);
- Birse Community Trust;
- Banchory and District Initiative.

16 Community Councils operate in the area.

MARR Area Partnership operates throughout the area of MARR.

The partnership is a recognised Local Rural Partnership by the Scottish Executive and consists of representatives from local communities, the voluntary and public sector and exists to promote an integrated approach to sustainable economic, social and environmental development in the area of MARR. Charity Number SC 031462.



The Management Committee of MAP:

Chair: John Lewis, Donside Community Council
Vice-Chair: Dr Anderson, Strathbogie Community Council
William Anderson, Huntly Community Development Group
Les Allan, Representative of Aberdeenshire Council
Cllr Rosemary Bruce, Aberdeenshire Council
Alan Young, Council for Voluntary Service, Aberdeenshire Central & South
David Polfreman, Volunteer Centre Aberdeenshire
Nicola Kenyon, Community Learning and Development
Hilda Lumsden Gill, Huntly Community Council (Ward 14)
Keith White, Banchory Community Council (Ward 16)
Bell Macaulay, Ballater and Crathie Community Council (Ward 15)
Donald Boyd, Huntly Development Trust

Staff:

Mike Powell, Development Officer
Suzanne Wall, Development Officer (until March 2010)
Natasha Pawlukiewicz, Development Officer
Lizzy Shepherd, Development Officer (from March 2010)

Note:

For administrative purposes, the Marr area is separated into three geographical wards, Aberdeenshire's Ward numbers 14, 15 & 16.

Community Council representatives from these wards are invited to sit on MAP's Management Committee.

COMMUNITY GROUP WEBSITES IN MARR



Banchory Website

With a host of links to organisations and events in the area the site also encourages residents who have a good picture of life in Banchory to see it published in the photo gallery.

www.banchory.org.uk/



Click here to go to the Aberdeenshire Council website.

www.aberdeenshire.gov.uk



Rural Community Gateway

The Rural Gateway website's funding area is regularly updated. Click picture for latest funding news. www.ruralgateway.org.uk



K&D VOICE

K&D VOICE is the Kincardine and Deeside (South Aberdeenshire) branch of the Council for Voluntary Service. Click the picture to enter their website. This site also displays the MAP Newsletter.

<http://www.kdvoice.org.uk>



Supporting Community Guidance.

- promote and seek support for partnership activities
- share good practice
- share good news stories at the local and national level
- access information on other members via our electronic directory.

www.careerscotland.org.uk



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