

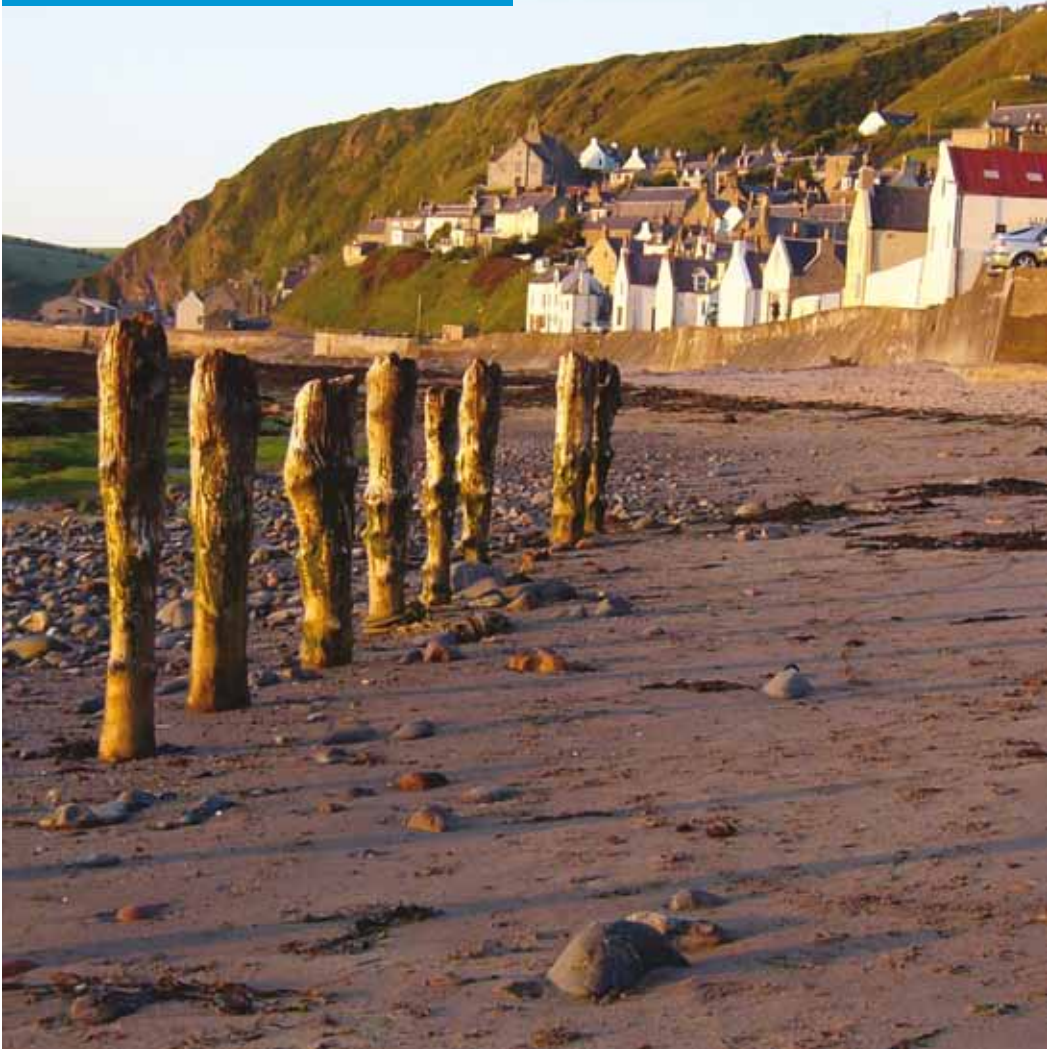
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Chairman's Letter

Welcome to the new edition of the Banffshire Partnership Yearbook. As expected, it has been a very challenging year for everybody at the Partnership and I would like to thank Duncan Leece, his staff and especially the volunteers for all their efforts in meeting those challenges.

COMMUNITY TRANSPORT

Since the Community Transport side of the business started in 1999 it has grown steadily and is now the main activity of Banffshire Partnership.

The dial-a-bus service is very well used. The annual survey of our passengers shows how valuable this service is to them, not just getting them to the shops and on outings, but in terms of social interaction and helping to alleviate social exclusion. Community hire activity has reduced during the year and we would like to remind all local groups that our vehicles are available at very reasonable cost for outings, meetings, etc.

As well above half of the funding for Community Transport comes from Aberdeenshire Council grants, we are always looking at ways

to make the operation more cost-effective. This is even more important now as we have seen a reduction in our budget allocation for this year and expect further reductions in the coming years.

TRAINING

For many years we have provided transport-related training to minibus drivers and Passenger Assistants. This year, in an effort to broaden our range, we are now able to offer a range of training courses in First Aid, Health & Safety At Work and Manual Handling.

We have already delivered training for local and national companies and community organisations. Feedback from our customers has been excellent.

COMMUNITY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Now the smallest part of the activities of Banffshire Partnership in financial terms, the Community Economic Development side plays a very large role in the communities that it serves.

BPL is an active member of the Local Community Planning



Partnership and it has assisted many community groups with projects, business plans and funding applications over the years.

We have a paid contract with Aberdeenshire Council to provide this resource and without that income we would be unable to help community groups. Even so, we get more enquiries than we currently have resources, both human and financial to handle, so please be patient with us! This financial year saw a 20% cut in CED funding.

The board is very well aware that we face tightening budgets in the next few years. However, it is our wish to continue with the broad range of activities that we currently undertake and where possible expand them to meet community need.

Robin Maddock

Robin Maddock, Chairman
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Our Valued Volunteers

Many of our passenger assistants and drivers - whether for the Dial-A-Bus or community groups - are volunteers, whose contribution is greatly valued by all who benefit. If you would like to join them, it's necessary to register with us and take up appropriate training.

If you think you can help please contact us:

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A Word From Our DOO!

Partnership Update is an annual publication and I really hope you enjoy it. It costs us quite a bit to produce and takes a while to put together, but we feel it is worth it, as not only does it explain what Banffshire Partnership Ltd does, it also showcases the huge amount of community-led activity taking place in our area. We should all congratulate ourselves for that.

Some of the groups and projects mentioned in these pages have benefited from advice and input from my staff and I. We know we have not been able to help everyone who has asked and that is terribly frustrating for us, but as our Chairman has said in his introduction, financial constraints on our current budget force us to

limit our activity, rather than by the need for what we do. Without doubt, most people know us these days for our wonderful Dial-a-Bus services.

It will be even better this coming year thanks to purchase of two brand new custom-built vehicles. I am very proud that one of those buses has been bought entirely from donations given by those who use the service each week. Each donation may only be a few coins, but this new vehicle proves what all those wee bits can add up to.

Another message I want to get across concerns our new training services. We have launched them to a flying start in 2011 and you will see more about BPL Training later, but it is just a start.

Please let us know if there are other types of training you think local people or organisations would benefit from being available locally.

We are always happy to consider new suggestions. In addition to telling you about what is happening, Partnership Update gives me one more valuable opportunity each year. I can give public thanks to all my staff (there they are . . . pictured on the opposite page), all the volunteers who help on our Board or in delivering our services and the other people we work alongside throughout the year. We have good working relationships with officers in several departments of Aberdeenshire Council, and of course, with our local Councillors too.



Without them, BPL would not achieve anywhere near as much as it does and I would like to thank them for their cooperation and friendship.

So 2011 was a busy year for us, and I know 2012 will be too. We look forward to it.

Duncan D Leece,
Director of Operations
(DOO)

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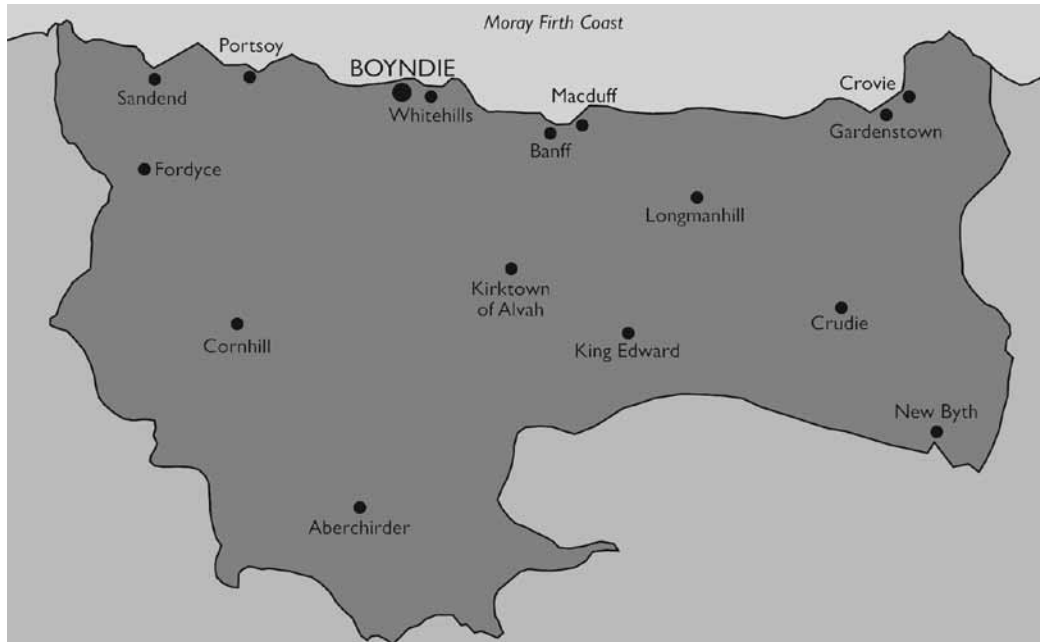
Just as we go to print confirmation has been received that the Scottish Traditional Boat Festival company is to take over ownership of the Caravan Site at Portsoy. This represents a major development for the registered charity, which, in addition to holding the annual Festival, restored and now runs the highly successful Salmon Bothy. It is also in the process of creating a permanent boat restoration workshop with

accommodation - The PORT Boatshed - by the Old Harbour.

Work will start as soon as possible on freshening the Site's facilities in readiness for the 2012 season. STBF's aim is to make the site highly successful, of maximum benefit to the whole community and to provide an important income stream for the total organisation.

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Banffshire Partnership Area



The Banffshire Partnership area covers the Community Council areas of:

- ***Aberchirder & Marnoch***
- ***Alvah & Forglan***
- ***Banff & Macduff***
- ***Cornhill & Ordiquhill***
- ***Fordyce & Sandend***
- ***King Edward & Gamrie***
- ***Portsoy***
- ***Whitehills***

The following pages highlight some of the activities and events which have been happening throughout the area over the past eight months, as well as giving an insight into some of the events which will be taking place next year.

It is our intention to publish an annual Partnership Update. The next edition of the newsletter - Issue 15 - will appear in late 2012, so don't miss out on a great opportunity to get some free publicity for your group's activities or forthcoming events.

Please send us any articles, photographs, adverts or announcements which you would like to be included - we look forward to hearing from you!

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Banffshire Partnership Aims And Values

OUR PURPOSE:

Within our area (*Aberchirder & Marnoch, Alvah & Forglan, Banff & Macduff, Cornhill & Ordiquhill, Fordyce & Sandend, King Edward & Gamrie, Portsoy, Whitehills*), to contribute to the economic, social and environmental well-being of local communities by;

- valuing the work of volunteers
- creating opportunities for employment based on the sustainable use of local culture, skills and resources,
- enabling and encouraging lifelong learning amongst local people.

We also aim to encourage and support partnership working between community groups and private, public and voluntary organisations.

VALUES: We try to:

- encourage participation and consensus
- be open and transparent in our dealings
- maximise resources - human, physical and financial
- remain people focused

OBJECTIVES:

To encourage and support communities to run and participate in activity that will help them develop.

Provide rural transport solutions to individuals and communities, where mainstream public transport is inaccessible.

Specific encouragement will be given to projects that have an economic benefit and/or develop partnership working with other groups and public agencies, such as the Local Authority.

The Partnership has a particular interest in tourism initiatives and ideas to promote the use of local products and local suppliers.

It is Banffshire Partnership's observation and belief that the more local people participate in and take ownership of activities within their communities, the better that place will become to live in.

Practical ways in which Banffshire Partnership supports projects include:

- Project management advice, and capacity building of groups as a whole, and individual members.
- Assistance with funding applications, or development of financial management packages.
- Putting groups in contact with others who have done similar projects, and helping the sharing of knowledge.
- Reducing rural isolation, and social exclusion, through transport initiatives and opportunities for individuals to access community activity.
- Facilitating two-way communication between local communities, and public agencies, or policy makers at regional and national level.

Banff Castle Community Association

Over the past two years Banff Castle Community Association has taken a two pronged approach to its development: simultaneously improving the facilities for use by the wider community, and steadily building a rolling programme of events and activities.

These activities are as diverse as the people who enjoy them.

For the first time, during 2012, we are able to offer a programmed season of cultural events on your doorstep from April-September.

ANNUAL EVENTS

- **April, 12 - 14:** *Banff's Puppet Animation Festival:* Nine events over three days, including puppet making workshops, puppet shows and animated films.
- **May 26 - 27:** *Coast Arts Festival*
- **July 28 - 29:** Banff Mediaeval Festival
- **Sept 8 - 16:** North East Open Studios

REGULAR EVENTS

- **Cinema Experience-** Fortnightly Filmnights (7.30pm) and Saturday Matinees (2.30pm)



- **Castle Sessions -** Monthly open music sessions, with regular guest performers

COMMUNITY AND PUBLIC USES

Alzheimer Scotland, Banff Art Club, Deveron Music, Banff Preservation & Heritage Society, BMCT, BCTP Ltd, Qi Gong, Baltic Dance, Massage, Local

Vocals, Horticulture Association, Deveron Valley Rifle Club, Deveron Singers, Banffshire Partnership Limited Training, Banff Yoga Class, SCRA, Business Association, Talking Banffie and Turra Talk, Banff Castle Pipe Band, Weddings, family celebrations, arts and craft fairs . . . and much, much more.

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Visit www.banffcastle.org.uk for up to the minute news on events and activities



Banff Preservation & Heritage Society

This year Bill Bain of Bodie's the Photographers, showed us old films of Banff.

There were, of course, crowds with flags (some well kent faces), and ladies curtsying to the Queen. But what we will remember was the film of the demolitions. Fine old buildings with years of life in them, were bull-dozed.

The catchword of the Town Council was "Ding em a' doon". The film was heart-stopping to watch, though funny in places. They had no ideas of Health and Safety then: a huge cloud of dust filling Castle Street as a building came down

and suddenly a car came through it. They had not closed the road! Everyone in Banff should see that film.

When you look at that beautiful sandstone house on Low Street that escaped by the skin of its teeth last October, you realise that there are still go-ahead people in offices whose default is set to 'demolition'.

It did not cost a great deal to make that building safe and the Townscape Heritage Initiative has worked hard to ensure its future. But how near it was to destruction, with the skip there – our Chairman had a very stressful forty-eight hours!

Buildings should not get to the stage of almost falling down.

We look, for example, at the old Tolbooth Hotel. A fine Regency building on the site of and probably incorporating bits of the town's Tolbooth, where the Council met. The ground floor is looked after, but our Society is worried about upstairs.

It is never good policy for an owner to let a building get into a really bad state. "A lick in time", as they used to say.

We have several schemes in train, beside our regular meetings and outings.

We have a website: www.banffpreservation.org.uk



andheritagesociety.org.uk – and we're on Facebook.

Anyone with an interest in the past of Banff and Macduff and district should please contact the Secretary.

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The Banffshire Coast Tourism

Partnership (BCTP) is has never been busier, gearing up our tourism businesses for next year's influx of visitors.

A major workshop and seminar programme over the winter gives member and non-member businesses alike the chance to hone their skills in areas of marketing, listening to visitors, quality assurance, business measurement, social media use, and food tourism development. Substantial subsidies for these workshops have allowed the BCTP to bring up some of the best facilitators and experts in the country.

Visitors say they want more consistent food quality and this puts the food tourism development programme as a high priority.

The Partnership continues to embrace the electronic media to spread the message of the wonderful Banffshire Coast.

Latest addition is a version of our popular website for the increasingly popular mobile smartphones. This very exciting development means that visitors can find out where to visit, eat, shop and stay in our area, just with a few clicks on their phone! It also means that our members have their business advertised literally in our visitors' hands. Add this to our state-of-the-art website, our facebook and twitter pages and we believe we are among the market leaders in cyberspace tourism in this country.

Over the next 18 months, the BCTP has a programme of promotions for our wildlife, history and heritage and walking, which will also make full use of electronic media.

Our commitment to electronic communication also means that our snappy Pebble-Dash information e-communications get out to members efficiently and instantly.

The regular 'Pebbles' electronic newsletter also keeps members abreast of relevant news and developments in the tourism sector.

Another exciting newcomer is our best and biggest-ever area guide; a 48 page pocket guide packed with editorial, photos and advertising about the area, which will be ready in the new year.



Banffshire Coast Tourism Partnership

The Partnership's aim is to spread the message of our wonderful area to potential visitors and also to raise the quality of what we have, from Cullen to Pennan; from Turriff to Banff.

Contact us if you want to participate in any of the above, including the winter workshop programme, to advertise in conjunction with the promotions, or become a valued member of the BCTP.

**Banffshire Coast
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Boyndie Trust Limited

I have just re-read my piece for the 2011 Partnership Update, and in it I predicted that economic circumstances would make 2011 hard graft. Well, I was right! Having said that, Boyndie Visitor Centre weathered the storm better than many catering, tourism and retail businesses, and accordingly, Boyndie Trust remains a strong and stable community-led charity. I would like to thank publicly all those who have helped that happen, whether they be paid staff working here, loyal customers, or our wonderful band of hard-working volunteers.

Many of our volunteers are on work placement training via Aberdeenshire Council Social Work and Employment Services. I can't count the number of customers visiting Boyndie each year who congratulate us on the standards those volunteers achieve and it is great to record that here too.

2012 will see some changes to Boyndie, as we seek to make the physical restrictions of our building more in line with the current needs of trade and training. The year will see an expansion of space for retailing both inside for gifts, and outside for plants. We will be upgrading our workshop spaces and creating a modern training suite. Those who know us well will be delighted to hear how we plan to address lack of car parking spaces too. The Trust has been successful in attracting LEADER funding to augment our reserves and pay for these vital improvements.

We doubled the size of Boyndie School, when we created the Visitor Centre as a social enterprise in 2003/4. The truth is, we wondered then if we would ever fill a building this size. Now it is busting at the seams, despite another extension in 2009!

There will be alterations and improvements to the training placements we have available too and technical changes to the commercial contract we have with Aberdeenshire Council. We have been doing a lot of work with Social Work managers in order to get the details right for everyone. All these new things are set to keep the facility at Boyndie in line with current needs and developing trends, thereby ensure maximum benefit to our community, plus long-term sustainability. Achieving that in times of recession, will be something to be very proud of.



So I said 2011 would be hard graft and I predict 2012 will be exciting . . . as well as hard graft. We must never lose the fun from Boyndie though, because that is one of the key elements everyone says they like about us. The best way you can support us is to come and have a nice lunch, look round, see Boyndie for yourself . . . and feel free to spend money in our shop!

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Buchan Street Community Hall

Macduff Old Folk's Association are delighted to announce the refurbishment of their Buchan Street Community Hall.

The hall is home to several groups and there is capacity for others. It would make an ideal base for a Choir or Amateur Dramatics Group.

The hall is available for hire either the main hall including stage and great acoustics or the committee room.

The work carried out under the eagle eye of Property Convener Doug Finnie was made possible in the main by funding from the Lottery; Age Scotland; Aberdeenshire Council; local Masons and Banff Round Table.

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Coast Festival, 24th - 25th May 2012

The 2011 Coast Festival was a big step for the organisers - it was their first year. Yes, there have been three Coast Visual Arts Festivals before it, but that organisation is no more. In 2011 a group of volunteers from the towns of Banff and Macduff came together to run an event, without any of the core funding which the first three festivals benefitted from. What we did have was an excellent legacy to build on.

The committee has individual folk who want to see a festival for the area, but also representatives from voluntary

organisations, charitable bodies, statutory providers and of course arts organisations. Our aim in 2011 was to create a model that would be sustainable - as long as people came forward with events, the collective group would ensure a festival could happen.



With 29 separate listings in our brochure, of exhibitions, activities and competitions, the weekend of 27th and 29th May was packed full of fun. We welcomed an artist's group from Kirkaldy, with an exhibition

inspired by their own coastline. We ran workshops making robots, umbrellas and flying art, for all ages and Banff & Buchan Arts Forum created an open submission exhibition of new work at Macduff Town Hall. And the list goes on.

The central aims of our group include creating an opportunity for local people to celebrate their creativity and show off where they live. To bring new and challenging cultural ideas to the area. To provide a space where people can come together and work in a positive, collaborative way, that we hope inspires community pride.

COAST

FESTIVAL OF THE VISUAL ARTS



Most of the people running Coast's events are not artists, and most of the people involved only run their own event. We are always looking for new people and new groups to join us and right now we are planning Coast 2012, set for 24th and 25th May next year. If you've got ideas, why not let us help you?

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Many people have pleasant memories of the Deveron Festival, when Banff for a weekend a year had really worthwhile classical music. When that folded, there was some money left over and a number of the Festival committee stayed together as a group called Deveron Music. Their primary task was to see that the money was spent in ways that fitted in with the ambitions of the Deveron Festival. We have particularly wanted to encourage young musicians.

Our most visible activity has been to arrange two concerts a year. When the Friends of Duff House were no longer able to bring outreach groups from the Aberdeen International Youth Festival to this district, we took over that role. These concerts of really talented young people are an inspiration to listen to. They come from all round the world, though this year's group were from Wigan and wowed us with a wonderful big-band Jazz sound. We intend to carry on this link with the International Youth Festival.

We have given grants to groups of young

musicians, like 'Inspire' Choir, but our dream of bringing really first-class performers who would also run workshops for students of their particular instruments, has not come off. We discover that young people studying music have a very full schedule and it may not be a kindness to cram more in.

We also thought of bringing music students from the university, but couldn't get them to come. The idea was that they would be role models for local young musicians. For our latest concert we brought musicians the Karin Leitner trio, of

Deveron Music

international standard. You would not imagine what could be done with a flute until you heard Karin Leitner! It was wonderful music, but did not draw great numbers.

If anyone wants to find out more about Deveron Music, get in touch with the Secretary.

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Folk At The Bothy



Portsoy's Folk at The Salmon Bothy continues to go from strength to strength.

The regular Open Mic Sessions on the third Friday of each month are as popular as ever, with a wide range of songs, tunes, poetry and storytelling. We get everything from traditional ballads and tales to sea shanties, as well as the songs

of greats such as Paul Simon, Bob Dylan and Leonard Cohen.

We are also blessed with many talented young - and some not so young - singer songwriters and poets who perform their own material.

Over the last year we have been lucky to have a range of fine guests, including Alan Taylor, who returns on 17th November and Eleanor McEvoy, who we hope to have back next year.

Others include Cathal McConnell and Duncan Wood who along with Archie Fisher, The Poozies, Arthur Johnstone, Brian Miller and

Charlie Soan and a host of others will be performing at our 3rd Haal Festival of Folk Music to be held over the weekend of 25th - 27th May 2012.

In addition we hold a New Year ceilidh on 2nd January and a Bothy Ballads and Burns Night on 11th February in The Station Hotel Portsoy, hosted by local radio and TV personality Euan McIlwraith.

As if that wasn't enough, we have Ivan Dreever, founder member of Wolfstone on 10th March, Goldrush, a Bluegrass band on 24th March, up and coming English Folk Band - Bard - on 7th July.



For full details of what we have planned, check out www.bothyfolk.com

We look forward to welcoming you to our Bothy Sessions. Whether it's to perform or just to relax and listen, you'll be sure of the warmest of welcomes.

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Home Start

Support and friendship for families

Home-Start is a nationwide registered charity which supports families who have at least one child under the age of five years. Home-Start Deveron operates throughout the Deveron valley area, serving Aberchirder, Banff, Huntly, Macduff, Portsoy, Turriff and surrounding areas. Trained volunteers provide support to parents in their own homes or in group settings.

Home-Start Deveron welcomed new Co-ordinator Reena Thom in May 2011. Reena joins Wendy Gray (Family Support Worker) and Olive Bligdon (Administrator) at Home-Start Deveron.



During this year volunteers have continued to provide support to families in their own homes and we are currently supporting approximately 15 families. Our group sessions are also well attended, with approximately 30 families currently receiving support. Baby massage classes have remained popular and are received positively by parents and babies. This year has also seen the introduction of Bookbug sessions, which encourage singing, rhyme and learning. We also held Confidence To Cook sessions, hands-on cooking sessions designed to encourage parents to cook healthy nutritious meals. As a result of this we have published a Cooking With Confidence fundraising recipe book (contact Home-Start Deveron to purchase a copy).

Home-Start Deveron relies heavily on donations and

Home-Start Deveron



fundraising activities to fund the work we do. Fundraising activities this year have included participation in the Banff Victorian Christmas Day, provision of a crèche at Turriff Show, a Body Shop party, a Nearly New Sale, a Curry Night, a recent quiz night and a forthcoming fundraising lunch. If you would like to support Home-Start Deveron, please use www.easyfundraising.org.uk and select Home-Start Deveron when shopping online - it doesn't cost you a penny extra, but raises valuable funds for us! We thank everyone for their generosity and support to date.

Home-Start Deveron is always looking for volunteers. Volunteers are often parents themselves, or have parenting experience and can offer regular support, friendship and practical help to families in times of need. Similarly we are also seeking

new Trustees to the Board to assist with the running of the organisation. Please get in touch if you are able to offer your time, skills or knowledge and you wish benefit the Deveron community. Just a few hours per week can make all the difference.

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Join us on Facebook to keep up to date with all the news, views and upcoming events.

Portsoy Pavilion

Want to change your lifestyle, get fit and improve your health? Then Portsoy Pavilion has everything you need! A spacious, well equipped gymnasium

includes all the modern weight training and cardio-vascular machines for your fitness needs. Whether you're a fitness fanatic or just a beginner, everything you need is under one roof here. Membership is gained

through a gym induction and it's up to you from there on to achieve the fitness you want! There is also a large all-weather Astroturf pitch on offer, available for all kinds of sports - football and tennis being most popular. All equipment is provided and a booking is required. So, if you fancy 5-a-side football with your friends, or a relaxing

game of tennis, Portsoy Pavilion is only a short distance away.

Open: *Mon, Wed, Fri:* 9.00am - 12.00noon & 2.00pm - 8.00pm
Tues & Thurs: 5.00pm - 8.00pm; *Sat:* 10.00am - 1.00pm

Portsoy Pavilion
Seafield Terrace, Portsoy
(opposite Portsoy Motors)
01261 843555



Portsoy Thrift Shop

The ladies of the Portsoy Thrift Shop team find it almost hard to believe themselves, but it is now a full ten years since they opened the doors of their voluntary operation in the Square in Portsoy. First sited on the east side of the Square, from the word go the team have enjoyed considerable success; success which they put down to the on-going support they have had from donors and customers - plus a lot of hard work on their part and an unfailing warm

welcome for whoever comes through the door. Important too has been the care taken to present the wide range of goods on offer to best advantage. So whether it's ladies, men's or children's clothes; glassware and ornaments, toys and books or brick-a-brack and jewellery, the team works hard to have on offer something to meet everyone's pocket and taste. From time to time there's furniture too and again great care is taken to ensure that the quality is right. The team also take

great pride in the fact that over the last ten years they have been able to make donations to local organisations and causes in excess of £100,000. The last twelve months have involved support given to a typically wide range including the Salmon Bothy, Portsoy Pavilion Gym, The Day Centre, Greenfingers, Portsoy Primary School, Portsoy Junior Football Club, the Portsoy Players and, in support of the 75 Club with whom the Shop has a long working relationship, the Christmas lights and the splendid New Year's



fireworks display. Open on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday from 10.00am - 12.00noon and 2.00pm - 4.00pm, please come along to the Square in Portsoy for a great range of goods and the very warmest of welcomes (and thanks for donations too!).

Portsoy Thrift Shop
The Square, Portsoy
07870 536776
(during opening hours)

Portsoy Organisation for Restoration and Training (PORT)



The Portsoy Organisation for Restoration and Training (PORT) has been formed by combining the assets of the Portsoy Maritime Heritage with the Scottish Traditional Boat Festival's Portsoy Faering Project. Bringing these two complimentary activities together under one banner will give Portsoy a unique capability in training young people to build small boats before they graduate to assisting adult volunteers to restore our collection of traditional craft.

In a ground breaking project, members of PORT recently cooperated with the Banff Area Small Schools Sailing Initiative to help

pupils from the primary schools in Portsoy, Fordyce, Bracoden, Ordiquill and Whitehills to build Optimist sailing dinghies. This initiative has created six dinghies that will allow year-round sail training for local children without having to hire craft. The development of their skills will lead them to be able to crew the traditional craft that they will have helped restore as they graduate from stage to stage with PORT.

We're delighted to say that thanks to the securing of a Community Asset Restoration Scheme,

fund raising is well advanced for the restoration and development of the building next to The Shore Inn. Developing this building will give PORT a spacious workshop that will allow its training and restoration arms to work side by side in full view of the public. Plans for the building also include bunkhouse accommodation thus providing facilities for residential courses

And it is with such courses that PORT has ambitious plans for the future, developing a comprehensive package of boat building, restoration and sailing

that will be unique in Scotland and that will see today's primary pupils and visitors from far and wide sailing traditional craft that they have helped restore.

We are looking for more people to help in this project and if you would like to join us, these are some of the skill we need: boat builder or restorer, sailor or sail trainer, safety boat crew, fund raiser and administrator.

For more for details, contact us at the Salmon Bothy or e-mail thestbf@googlemail.com



The Salmon Bothy, Portsoy

What is special about Portsoy's Salmon Bothy now in its third year of operation? For those of you who have not visited: is it a family heritage centre, a museum or is it a community centre? At a recent meeting of the Bothy managing committee, it was concluded that it is an attractive 'Pot Pori'.

There is an inviting museum displaying the history of the area while placing a particular emphasis on the salmon fishing industry. In 2011 we were awarded full accreditation by Museums and Galleries Scotland. This followed considerable work and dedication by a small team of volunteers and it gives the Bothy access to advice, support, training and funding to develop the museum.

In addition to the permanent exhibition in the ice chambers,

we hold temporary exhibitions and events 'Upstairs at the Bothy'. In 2011 we had a popular Farming Exhibition and associated activities over the May weekend as part of the Festival of Museums. In September there was an exhibition by the users of 'Upstairs at the Bothy' giving an opportunity for people to see the work of the community groups who hire the space throughout the year. This coincided with the Aberdeenshire Open Doors day. Anna Edelsten had an art exhibition in October, the first private exhibition at the Bothy and hopefully a regular feature in the future. In addition there have been private lets for parties, fairs, theatre groups and music.

The community groups are key to the sustainability of the upstairs space. Presently we have the Knitters, Pilates, the Camera Club, the Craft Club, the

Art Club and the particularly successful Folk Club. These give the public a real opportunity to come together to share and develop interests and hobbies. To find out more go to the website or email contact@salmonbothy.co.uk

We have an intimate setting for family history research with a trained genealogist, Alison Smith who is on site on a Friday morning during the summer and otherwise by appointment. There are family history talks on the first Saturday of each month with topics advertised on the website and around the town. Recently the family history groups throughout the North East met together for a Family History Fair.

In the shop and online at www.salmonbothy.org.uk we have an interesting collection of bespoke merchandise at affordable prices.

There is a group of enthusiastic volunteers

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Portsoy Salmon Bothy from a variety of backgrounds intent on developing into a team of knowledgeable, sociable and experienced 'Bothy Folk'. This year we have had social and training meetings which culminated in a 'Day Oot' together. We went by bus to the Buckie Heritage Museum, the Falconer Museum in Forres and the Ice House and Heritage Centre in Findhorn. 24 people sat down to supper in the Aurora on the way home from a splendid day. We are always on the look out for new volunteers, young and old, male and female, so if you enjoy meeting people and promoting Portsoy, please contact the Bothy on 01261 842951.

**Portsoy Salmon Bothy
Links Road, Portsoy
Nessie Gray
Administrator
01261 842951
www.salmonbothy.org.uk**

RAF Banff Association

RAF Banff Association was set up as successor to the Banff Strike Wing Memorial Trust which was disbanded following the erection of the Memorial in 1989 and placement thereafter of the Book of Remembrance in Banff Parish Church. The aim of the Association has been to promote awareness of the highly significant role played by the Strike Wing at Banff during the Second World War.

The Association also serves as a reservoir of information, including a presence on the

internet, for those, from far and near, who regularly make enquiries.

Not infrequently visitors arrive in the area with the express purpose of visiting the Boyndie Centre where there is on display an interpretive centre with an impressive array of memorabilia and where a DVD is available for purchase.

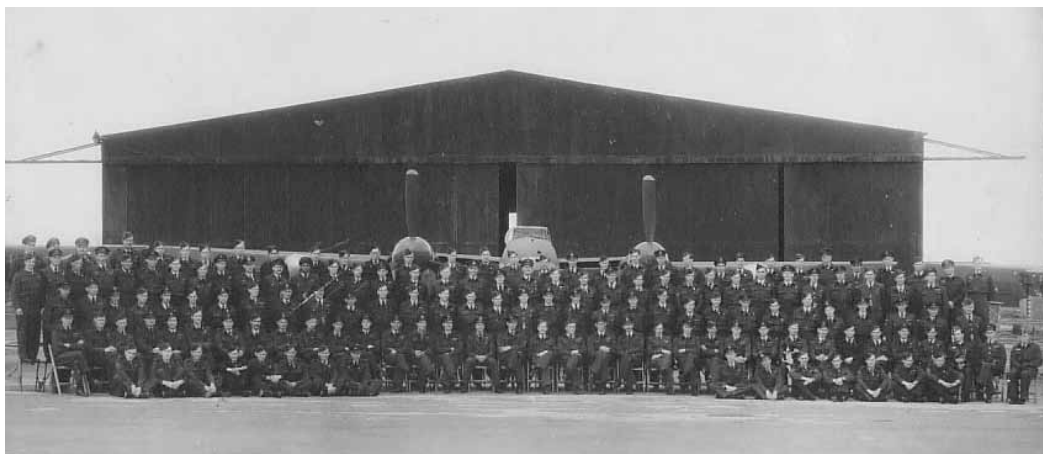
Every effort is made to meet with relatives and interested parties, especially when they are seeking to retrace the steps of their antecedents who served at Banff. Some decide to donate items of

relevance. Opportunity is taken on such occasions to collect, collate and record anecdotal information. On a wider scale, close links are maintained with Norwegian and Canadian Air Force squadrons which were an integral part of the multi-national Strike Wing.

A meaningful connection has been established with the more recently formed Banff Airfield Trust, set up with the allied aim to further promote the heritage of the former airfield. Steps are currently being taken to investigate the potential for

preservation of artefacts, buildings and other features, still extant, with a view to re-creating some of the atmosphere of the landscape of the Forties.

RAF Banff Association
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Scottish Traditional Boat Festival

Blessed with fabulous weather for the second year running, the Festival was thoroughly enjoyed by the 16,000 plus visitors who were in Portsoy over the weekend of July 2nd and 3rd - and please don't just take our word for it. The Visitor Survey clearly showed that everyone scored the whole weekend highly for its unique mix of sights, sounds, tastes and activities.

On the maritime front the racing regatta held for Scottish Coastal Rowing Project teams from across the country was a spectacular success. It was also good to see so many young sailors learning their basic yachting skills - especially those from the local primary schools who



had first built their Optimist dinghies in the weeks leading up to the Festival. It was also splendid to see so many of our long standing sailing friends coming to Portsoy and demonstrating their skills.

And speaking of skills, the range of craft demonstrators was wider than ever and visitors were able to enjoy everything from wood carving to jewellery making and from spinning to coracle building. Of particular interest was the Moray Firth Partnership's Gansey Project with its display of fabulous knitwear and the Bothy Knitters superb knitted panorama of Portsoy harbour proved to be a big hit.

Music plays an ever larger part in making the weekend special and the programme was filled from start to finish with some great performers. The Tannahill Weavers got the ball rolling at the

Friday Night Concert and the pace never let up with old favourites including Shepheard, Spiers and Watson, the Fisher Folk and Folk at the Salmon Bothy being balanced by visitors Elsa McTaggart, The Keelers and the Dutch band De Kinkels...and many more including some great buskers. Great favourites as ever were the Anne McArthur Dancers and Portsoy's award winning Skip to the Beat.

Food continues to get better and better with the hugely popular Food Fayre, the now well established Cookery Demonstration Programme and ever higher standards of catering around the harbour and town including the massively popular Arbroath Smokies (with long queues to prove it!) Loch Soy included a wider range of activities including a very popular cycling event and SPLASH Dinghies on the Loch.



Sunday morning saw the sixteenth Follow the Herring 10K Road and accompanying 2K Fun Run.

As ever, the Festival Committee's sincere thanks go to our sponsors and supporters including our title sponsors Aberdeen Asset Management and all the other companies and organisations who give so much generous help. And last but not least our very warmest thanks go to the people of Portsoy without whose support the Festival simply would not happen!

Scottish Traditional Boat Festival
Salmon Bothy, Links Road, Portsoy
01261 842951
www.scottishtraditionalboatfestival.org.uk

Whitehills & District Community Council



thank you to all our active Community Councillors whose regular attendance at our meetings and hands-on activity throughout the year is commendable.

Our Community Council website (www.whitehillsanddistrict.co.uk) provides you with all you need to know regarding our activities over the year and includes the minutes of our monthly meetings.

Our new planters and the "cartie" at the crossroads have provided colourful floral displays throughout the summer months as were the displays at the harbour and along Low Shore.

A great deal of time and effort has gone

into obtaining financial support through the Mainstream Leader Fund for the provision of Broadband facilities to the Boyndie area and happily as this goes to print all the interested parties will have Broadband availability for the first time. The Community Council has been able to fund 10% of the substantial cost through the Windfarm Community Fund.

Please refer to our website to keep yourselves up to date with all our activities and please don't hesitate to contact any of our Community Councillors with any ideas which could benefit our community.

Over the course of the year a number

of substantial and worthwhile projects have been carried out through the Boyndie Windfarm Community Fund to the totaling £17,688 and we are always open to applications from bodies within our Community Council boundaries for funding that fits within the laid down guidelines.

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2011 In Cullen - A Year Of Community Co-operation And Mutual Support

The small community of Cullen boasts a large number of community groups who work hard - both collectively and individually - to arrange events, deliver services for local residents and visitors, and raise significant sums for charity. Some have been in existence for many years - like the Christmas Lights Group and the Pensioners Club - and others are relatively new. To them all, we owe a debt of gratitude.

Over the summer, the Cullen Voluntary Tourist Initiative and Cullen, Deskford and Portknockie Heritage Group worked in tandem to provide a valuable volunteer-run

Tourist Information Service and an impressive heritage display - attracting almost 3,000 visitors from near and far.

The Cullen Summer Festival Weekend in July was a prime example of group collaboration, including a Community Ceilidh, family fun and games, Heritage Display and Harbour event celebrating Cullen's fishing history. To be bigger and better next year! Also in July, a team of volunteers united to carry out some much needed restoration of a local path.

Three years of hard work will see the Cullen Community Allotment Association achieve their goal of 34 allotments for the area.

To be added in 2012 to the current youth activities - Cullen Guides and Cullen Youth Café - will be a Cullen Dirt Cycle Track. The generosity of the local community has been phenomenal, with £7,500 raised already - including £2,400 raised over one weekend alone. The first turf is guaranteed to be cut in early 2012.

The Community Website and Calendar offer opportunities to promote Cullen and area to visitors and Cullen "friends" all over the world. www.discovercullen.com, developed jointly by the Cullen & Deskford Community Council and the Cullen Voluntary Tourist Initiative, is proving an

invaluable information source on everything local. The Cullen & Deskford Calendar is now in its 3rd year, with the 2012 calendar the result of a competition generating photos of the highest quality. And the photo competition for the 2013 calendar has just been launched - so get snapping!

Key challenges moving forward will be the retention of the Community and Residential Centre and the Town Hall, together with the development of Cullen Harbour - led respectively by the Community Council, Town Hall Committee and 3 Harbours Association. To be successful, these projects will require a lot of hard work, mutual support and co-operation.



Getting ready to go - Sponsored Bike Run October 2011.



Salman Bothy Path Restoration - Our band of happy volunteers.

For more information on events and details of local community groups and businesses, please visit www.discovercullen.com

We Made It Happen By “Making it Real”

In an ideal world, Community Councils should be about local people helping themselves. We all know the financial climate is appalling and hard working people increasingly choose whether it is worth getting involved in local concerns, not least after a hard day's work. If they know the meeting has teeth to actually do something in difficult times (where there can be an awful lot of great ideas until you look at the money available) people will engage. But every now and again you need help! New Aberdour, Tyrie and Pennan Community Council represents an area including these three villages in Buchan and we turned to Banffshire Partnership's (BPL) “Making It Real” project for

genuine, practical advice from people who had experience in motivating people and making things happen.

We arranged a public get together at a local venue and BPL employed their well proven methods, inviting everyone at this meeting to anonymously raise local issues by noting them on paper and handing them in. During a brief interlude BPL staff correlated all the feedback and categorised them for us and wrote them on a number of white boards located around the room. All attendees were then given a number of stickers to place next to the initiatives which they believed were most important to them.



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BPL then took all the information away and transcribed it into a well established format creating our very own Local Community Plan. After our Community Council had liaised with BPL, they produced a professional document, which has been distributed to interested parties within our constituency. This plan is now used as New Aberdour, Tyrie and Pennan Community Council's “to do list.”

In our case a key priority was for toilets at New Aberdour beach. To this end, a sub-committee was setup and through various local initiatives such as a local lottery and annual live music / BBQ evenings, we have been able to raise a couple thousand pounds towards the toilets. BPL's Duncan Leece helped us pitch our case



for support for funding to the Banff and Buchan Community Planning Group (BBCPG), where he explained that we were a dynamic and proactive Community Council and as such, our views needed to be acted upon and not just listened to, in relation to funding in a difficult financial climate. In recognition of all the efforts made to date, BBCPG granted us funding for the balance of costs. We are on target to open the new toilets at New Aberdour beach sometime next spring. We have all had great fun in creating our own Local Community Plan and know that if you want, you can “Make It Real” too!

**New Aberdour,
Tyrie & Pennan
Community Council**
Steven Garratt, Secretary
e-mail stevewg@talk21.com

Developing Communities

Banffshire Partnership Limited (BPL) is a network of community groups formed in 1999. Although entirely independent, it is supported financially by Aberdeenshire Council, and maintains good relationships and links with various departments of that organisation.

We exist to help community groups, or whole communities, plan and develop projects, large or small. These projects may be things that create jobs, boost the local economy, or perhaps just improve the quality of life for local people and visitors to our area.

Practical examples of what we do include:

- **Helping and advising you how to draw up a business or project plan.**
- **Assisting you to market or publicise your idea.**
- **Working with you when writing funding bids and filling in forms.**
- **Putting you in touch with others who have done similar projects before.**
- **Liaising with local Council Officers, so that they know about your plans, and you know what services they may be able to offer.**

What we will not do is take your project over and run it for you. Our help is all aimed at advising, supporting and mentoring and equipping you with the knowledge and skills to make your own idea work.

Of course, what we hope is that, when you have been successful and completed a project, you will be willing to share that experience with future newcomers. BPL's paid staff and volunteer Directors, have all been involved in community projects, and made that commitment to hand their knowledge on to others.



More and more, potential funders of your project will look for your organisation or community, to develop partnerships with other relevant groups. They will want proof that your project really does have the support of your community too. BPL is well placed to help in both cases.

Best of all, the help you get from us is nearly always free of charge, thanks to the continued valued support from Aberdeenshire Council.

For more information contact:

**Banffshire Partnership -
Developing Communities**
on 01261 843598

or E-mail bpl.contact@tiscali.co.uk



Support for Aberdeenshire Business Scheme

To find out more about whether
Aberdeenshire Council can help
your business grow contact:

Christine Webster (Banff and Buchan Area)
10 Commerce Street, Fraserburgh, AB43 9QA
T: 01346 519881

E: christine.webster@aberdeenshire.gov.uk
www.aberdeenshire.gov.uk/support/finance/sab.asp

Community Action Plans

Banffshire Partnership Limited offers to assist Community Councils, or other such organisations, to formulate a Community Action Plan, from the views, ideas and priorities of local people.

Our methods avoid hostilities or arguments that can arise in traditional public meetings and allows everyone's view to be heard . . . not just those with the loudest voices.

BPL has secured grant funding under an Aberdeenshire-wide project called 'Making it Real', and this pays for most of the key costs.

BPL will run the event, collate the ideas and data generated, help you to prioritise it into achievable projects, form it into a clear and professional document and get copies of it printed for you.

You will find it useful in helping you choose projects to do, that meet the needs of your community and can demonstrate that they have the backing of local residents.

We recommend that your Community Action Plan be given a life of about three years, as by that time, projects may have been achieved and priorities or opportunities may have changed. Time to do it again!

For more information contact:
Banffshire Partnership - Developing Communities
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 E-mail bpl.contact@tiscali.co.uk



You will need to:

- **Be prepared to distribute publicity material, and twist a few arms, so that a public meeting is attended by a good number, and cross section of local residents.**
- **Hire a suitable hall for the evening and muster some volunteers to serve teas and coffees, and a couple more to assist the BPL staff manage the crowds!**
- **Be prepared to spend a little time after the event helping BPL word the final report and supply a few photos to illustrate it.**

Community Planning in Aberdeenshire

The Banff and Buchan Community Planning Group (CPG) has now been in existence for five years and brings together, on a regular basis, local representatives of the Aberdeenshire Community Planning Partners. By working in partnership CPG members gain a shared understanding of local issues and are able to work together to deliver solutions.

One of the aspects of the Banff & Buchan Local Community Planning Group is that they can provide support to local community groups and projects as and when required. This support may come in the form of funding - should the project have been identified through a community engagement event; or by helping to organise and co-ordinate an event or activity. Recent activities supported by the Banff & Buchan LCPG have included: -

- **Aberchirder After School Club** - set up to provide a positive social environment for children to engage and further develop their communication and cooperation skills whilst raising their confidence levels.
- **Acting Up** - a project run by Portsoy Players with an emphasis on involving a broad cross section of the local community and community groups.
- **Advanced Lifeshaper Social Café** - a project run in Partnership with Aberdeenshire Foyer and which aims to work with individuals residing in homeless accommodation in Fraserburgh, Macduff and Peterhead.
- **Banff Day Services Raft Race Inclusion Project** - run by Banff Day Service and designed to break down barriers that exist between people with disabilities and younger people.



- **Fraserburgh: It's All About 'U'** - an inclusion event involving a wide range of people brought together to look at the themes of 'Community' and 'Health and Well-being' in the Fraserburgh Area.
- **New Aberdour Beach Toilet** - the reinstatement of is a project identified through a Making it Real community engagement event run by New Aberdour, Tyrie & Pennan Community Council.
- **Teenscene** - a project looking at the benefits for young people of constructive use of leisure time and run by the Princess Royal Sports and Community Trust.



The group currently consists of representatives from Aberdeenshire Council, Aberdeenshire Childcare Partnership, Aberdeenshire Drug & Alcohol Partnership, the Banffshire Partnership, Banff & Buchan Area Committee, Banff & Macduff Community Trust, Banff & Macduff Community Safety Group, Bridge CVS, Fraserburgh Community Safety Group, Fraserburgh Development Trust, Fraserburgh Older People's Forum, Grampian Fire & Rescue Service, Grampian Police, New Aberdour Tyrie & Pennan Community Council, NHS Grampian, Princess Royal Sports & Community Trust, Reaching Out Project Fraserburgh, and Whitehills Community Council.

For further information on Community Planning in Banff & Buchan please contact: -
Fiona Alderson, Community Planning Officer,
 01261 813305
www.ouraberdeenshire.org.uk/banffbuchan

Modern New Transport For All The Community

MBanffshire Partnership has been providing a dial-a-bus service in the community for over ten years. In that time we have signed up over 500 clients. Currently, around 120 clients use the service at least once a month.

Shopping is the main request from our dial-a-bus services and we take our clients to and from places where they cannot get to on the normal bus service. To be eligible for the dial-a-bus service you need to have trouble getting to the shops. This may be because you don't have a car or the nearest bus stop is too far for you to walk to. We pick you up at your front door, take you to the shops (help you shop if you need help), pack your shopping in the bus and bring you and your shopping home to your front door. We are not in competition with the normal bus service, so you need to register with us before using the buses.

We also hire out our buses to community groups when they are not being used for the dial-a-bus service. The buses are available most afternoons, evenings and at weekends.

We provide a service in our

community in many ways:

Dial-a-bus

We have just taken ownership of two new buses which have been specially built with the shopping trips in mind. Both buses have internal tail lifts and plenty of storage space for all our clients' shopping bags!

We serve the communities of:

- Aberchirder
- Alvah
- Banff
- Boyndie
- Cornhill
- Crudie
- Fordyce
- Forglen
- Gamrie
- Gardentown
- Hilton
- King Edward
- Macduff
- New Byth
- Ordiquhill
- Portsoy
- Sandend
- Whitehills

We cater for people who have difficulty using the normal bus service for various reasons including: Living more than a ½ mile from the nearest bus stop, being unable to carry shopping, being disabled or infirm. For many of our clients the service also means

a social outing as it may be the only time from week to week that they get the chance to talk to others. All our dial-a-bus services operate with a driver and passenger assistant. They are there to help. The buses are out every day and depending on where you live you may have more than one opportunity to shop. We operate a first come first served booking service and you must book in advance. Please phone the office on 01261 843598 for more information or to register with us. We will then ask one of our staff to visit you at home. They will explain the service in more detail and make sure it suits your needs.

Community Minibuses

We run our operations with three minibuses. Two of the buses are brand new and all three are available for hire by community groups who are registered with us. Two of the three buses can accommodate wheelchair passengers. These two buses also have a large capacity for shopping/luggage and can take up to 12 passengers or 11 passengers and one wheelchair. Our third bus can take 16 passengers. All three buses have side

steps. We encourage the community groups to have their own driver. However, we currently have a pool of paid and volunteer drivers who we can rely on. As members of the Community Transport Association, we provide the nationally accredited Minibus Driver Awareness Scheme (MiDAS) training to everyone who drives our buses. Our charges are very competitive; please call us to find out the current charges.

If you would like to find out more or register your group, please call us on 01261 843598. We'd be delighted to give you more information.

Volunteers

A few committed and enthusiastic volunteers support our paid staff that drive the minibuses and act as passenger assistants. They all say that they find the work fun, sociable and rewarding and not in the least bit boring or difficult. If you have any spare time and like to interact with others, we would be delighted to welcome you to our team. Please don't think you would have to work every day, even the odd morning or afternoon will make a difference. We will

make sure you get all the training and support you need to do the job. With your help we can keep the dial-a-bus services running in all our communities, benefitting a large number of people. We are able to reimburse our volunteers any out of pocket expenses. Anyone interested should phone us on 01261 843598 for more information. We will be happy to answer all your questions. You can call us on the number given or email us at bpl.transport@banffdab.or.uk

For further info contact:
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banffdab.org.uk](mailto:bpl.transport@banffdab.org.uk)



Above: New Mercedes Sprinter - the largest bus we have ever had, which will be perfect for Dial-a-Bus, given its extra luggage space for shopping and wider seats.



Left: New Fiat Ducatto - a clever combination of low floor and extra wide body, but in a lightweight shell, that enables it to be driven by those who do not have category 'D1' on their license.

Training In The Community

For a few years now we have been providing Minibus Driver and Passenger Assistant training along with Emergency Evacuation and MiDAS for Car and MPV training. These courses are provided free to all our volunteers and for a charge to persons who are part of a community group or commercial organisation.

Over the last year we have now been building up our First Aid courses. Having successfully obtained a Health and Safety Executive Certificate (HSE), we are now offering courses including:

- **First Aid at Work (HSE)**

- **First Aid at Work Re-qualifier (HSE)**
- **Emergency First Aid at Work (HSE)**
- **Manual Handling (Core Module)**
- **Manual Handling (Assisting with Mobility)**
- **Wheelchairs, Hoists and Stand Aids**

The above list is not exhaustive; we can and do build individual courses for organisations. We are currently working with a sister organisation to provide Certificate of Professional Competence (CPC) training. Our courses are being delivered at either the Boyndie Visitor Centre or Banff

Castle. We are also happy to provide courses at clients' own venues. In the New Year our training will be provided from a state of the art training centre at the Boyndie Visitor Centre. For further information and a list of our current prices please call us on 01261 843598 or email us at bpl.transport@banffdab.org.uk

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Useful Community Contact Numbers

COMMUNITY GROUPS & ASSOCIATIONS

Aberchirder & District Community Association	01466 780512
Banff and Macduff Community Trust	01261 815185
Banff, Macduff & District Business Association	01261 832491
Cornhill Village Association	01466 751325
Crovie Preservation Society	01261 851176
Fordyce Community Association	01261 842951
Gardenstown Harbour Trustees	01261 851475
New Byth Community & Playing Fields Association	01888 544836
Portsoy & District Community Association	01261 842695

LOCAL RURAL PARTNERSHIP

Banffshire Partnership - Community Transport	01261 843598
Banffshire Partnership - Developing Communities	01261 843598
Banffshire Partnership - Training	01261 843598

COMMUNITY COUNCILS

Alvah & Forglen Community Council	01466 780275
Banff & Macduff Community Council	01261 815025
Cornhill & Ordiquill Community Council	01466 751326
Fordyce, Sandend & District Community Council	01261 843890
King Edward & Gamrie Community Council	01261 851616
Portsoy & District Community Council	01261 843354
Whitehills & District Community Council	01261 861742

COMMUNITY PLANNING

Aberdeenshire Community Planning Partnership	01261 813305
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MISCELLANEOUS

Aberdeen Council of Voluntary Organisations	01224 358565
BRIDGE CVS	01771 624787
Development Trusts Association Scotland	0131 220 2456
Enterprise North East Trust	01467 672500
Rotary Club of Banff	01261 819831
Volunteer Centre Aberdeenshire	01346 585328

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