



Parkhead Housing Association

The Parkhead Post

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Welcome to our Summer 2022 Newsletter, which I hope finds you well and you have had a chance to chill and enjoy the warmer weather. The last few months have been exciting for the Association.

It was great to see so many tenants and local residents come along to our community gala. What an amazing fun filled enjoyable day!

At last we were able to open our doors and welcomed back our tenants to our new refurbished bright modern office and it was so lovely to catch up with you in person rather than via telephone.

More good news, the board were delighted that the Scottish Housing Regulator has restored our engagement plan to "compliant". We have undertaken a lot of work in the last 12 months to address issues that led to our 2020 regulatory engagement. The Board carried out an independent governance review which introduced a new governance framework that will demonstrate and provide all stakeholders with the assurance that the Association's is being run effectively and that our governance and financial management complies with all legal and regulatory standards.

We are aware of the rising fuel costs and the impact inflationary pressures are having on our community and we are here to help and support our tenants through this difficult time through the provision of welfare and debt advice and support with a wide range of projects that are all free to access.

Recently, we have welcomed some new staff who bring new ideas and energy that will complement our already brilliant existing team. During the year we reviewed our organisation structure making some significant internal changes in order to plan and prepare the Association for the future. We strengthened key areas of our business, making us more customer driven and putting our tenants at the heart of everything we do. We recruited IT expertise to enable us to harness digital technology more effectively and to improve customer experience and service delivery.

The Summer newsletter is packed full of information about Parkhead Housing Associations activities if you want any further information or if you would like to get involved in shaping the future of Parkhead Housing Associations and your local area then please get in touch or even come along and meet me for a chat and cuppa at my drop-in session the last Thursday of every month between 11.30am - 1pm at the Spoon Café within Parkhead School House.



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Monday	9.30am - 1.00pm	1.45pm - 5.00pm
Tuesday	9.30am - 1.00pm	1.45pm - 5.00pm
Wednesday	9.30am - 1.00pm	1.45pm - 5.00pm
Thursday	11.00am - 1.00pm	1.45pm - 5.00pm
Friday	9.30am - 1.00pm	1.30pm - 3.30pm

DEVELOPMENT NEWS



The Association has a strategic development plan which enables us to invest in our area, increase our stock and develop good family homes for our ever-growing waiting list. Our recent land acquisition is the former childrens nursery at Elba Lane.

We are still working on plans for this site. - **Watch this space!!**

PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT AT WHITBY STREET

This wooded area is sadly unkept and brings a lot of antisocial behaviour especially on match days which is not good for the residents who live there. This area has been on our radar for some time to develop and we have been working with a Contractor and Design team to ascertain what we can build on the wooded land area. Like all developments there are challenges so we are hoping with additional funding from the Vacant and Derelict Land Fund to be able to take this project to the next stage.



BELVIDERE BOWLING CLUB (FRONT GREEN)

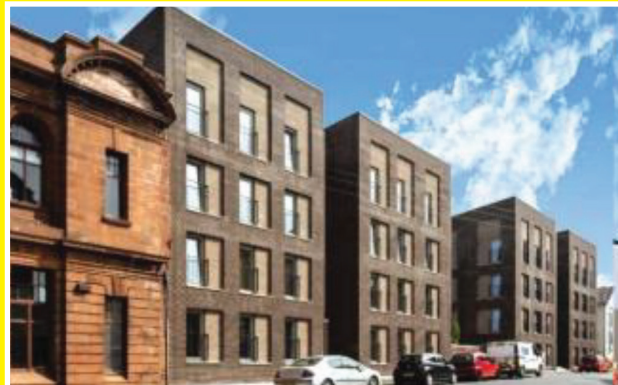
We are working with the Owner and the Design Team to develop the front green at Belvidere Bowling Club. These plans are now with Glasgow City Council Planning Committee.



Good News!!

Our development at Helenvale Street has been nominated for 3 Property Awards. We would like to congratulate our Architects Anderson Bell Christie and wish them Good luck!

The Development is just coming out of defects and the feedback is that our tenants are happy with their new homes.



Medical Adaptations

Parkhead Housing Association want our tenants to remain in their homes as long as they possibly can feeling comfortable and safe. With funding from the Scottish Government and Glasgow City Council we are able to carry out physical works in our tenants homes enabling them to live as independently as they can. This can range from a level access shower or hand rails within their properties. If you or any member of your family are struggling with mobility problems please contact the Association who will only be too happy to advise.

- **YOU SAID** • **WE LISTENED** •
- **WE ENGAGED TOGETHER** •
- **WE RESPONDED** •



PHA have been active engaging with tenants, and getting their views on some estate management projects across our estate and then delivering what was requested.

Whitby Wood

Whitby Wood and Whitby Street have long been the subject of littering and minor anti social behaviour on match days. The wooded area is owned by a private individual and over the years PHA have tried on numerous occasions to find a solution.

While PHA ultimately want to build houses at this location this is still a way off and the local tenants were clear action is needed now.

In early June some tenants from Whitby St got together and met with PHA Chief Exec, Aileen McGuire, and other PHA staff, Meabh Bradley from Glasgow City Council, and the police and following a walkabout on site went back to Parkhead Schoolhouse for a meeting and came up with a plan of action to try and deal with the issues local people had raised.

Celtic FC, although not present on the night, had made various commitments. The plan of action included the following:

- A dedicated police presence at this location on match days
- Volunteers from Celtic to provide a litter pick after match days
- The perimeter fence of the wood to be painted
- The large planters on Whitby St to be painted and replanted
- A banner to be displayed on match days around emergency vehicle access and littering

The group of tenant volunteers have already engaged in post match litter picks.

Quarryknowe Street

Tenants told us that they did not like the overgrown mess that the ill conceived shrub planting on a bed of chuckies alongside the flats had become. PHA listened and acted to remove the failed plant out and the area was turfed and has now had picnic benches delivered. All that's needed now is some good weather.

Sorby Street / Southbank Street

Again local tenants approached PHA with some ideas for this area and the Association responded. Over grown shrubs and weeds have now been replaced with turf and a slabbed walkway ready for some garden furniture.

Firestation Site

The clearing of overgrown shrubs has been completed as requested by local people and we are now considering jointly what the longer term plan should be.

WEB SITE UPGRADE

We are currently in the process of re-vamping and upgrading our website with a new look as part of our re-branding plans.

More details to be announced once they become available.

WATCH THIS SPACE !

RTO VISIT TROON

This year's trip took the lovely tenants of the Registered Tenant Organisation to the coastal town of Troon on the West coast of Ayrshire. Home to beautiful sandy beaches, stunning views, old seaside charm and at least half a dozen charity shops!



The sun was shining and everyone was in high spirits. Arriving at the stunning Marina everyone made their way into the gorgeous 'SCOTTS' restaurant where Gio Van Bronkhurst and his family joined us for lunch.

Returning back to the main street the tenants spent the rest of the afternoon exploring the town, visiting bars and cafes, walking along the seafront, enjoying ice cream, and grabbing a bargain at the various charity shops.



After an enjoyable day everyone returned to the bus where the raffle took place with one of our founding members Mr John Ferguson winning a prestigious bottle of Grouse (wasn't a fix).

The trip saw Bridie enjoying her 17th outing with the RTO and Rosie having her first ever cocktail.

The day was rounded off with a scenic bus ride and home to a cup of tea.

Annual Gas Servicing

Help Us Keep You and Your Neighbours Safe

Every year around 30 people are killed in the UK from carbon monoxide poisoning caused by gas appliances which have not been serviced. As your landlord we are legally required to have an annual gas service carried out at your property. Our contractor City Technical will visit your home to carry out this service on a date and time that is convenient for you. We appreciate your co-operation in providing access to your home and we will always give you reasonable notice when access is required. Please help us to keep you and your neighbours safe by responding to access cards and letters in time. If access to your property is not provided we may need to force access to carry out this service.

Fire Safety

Please Don't Leave Things on the Landing!

Items being left on landings and stairwells present a significant fire hazard which could be potentially **fatal**. If you have any items in the communal areas please remove them immediately. Keep your family and your neighbours safe.

Please do not smoke in closes and note that smoking in new build closes will trigger the opening of automatic vents which disables the secure entry door.

For further information on fire safety and to arrange a free home visit contact Scottish Fire & Rescue on 0800 0731 999 or by texting "FIRE" to 80800 from your mobile.



IF YOU SMELL GAS!

If you smell gas call the National Gas emergency number Freephone **0800 111 999** immediately

DO NOT

- **DO NOT** turn electricity switches on or off
- **DO NOT** smoke or light matches

DO

- **DO** turn off the gas at the emergency control at the meter
- **DO** open all doors and windows

When safe to do so please also contact the Association on **0141 556 6226** to advise us

WHAT'S ON - PARKHEAD SCHOOLHOUSE



MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Playbusters Breakfast Club 7-9	Playbusters Breakfast Club 7-9	Playbusters Breakfast Club 7-9	Playbusters breakfast club 7-9	Playbusters breakfast club 7-9
Jobs & Business Employment Support 9-12	Drill Hall Pantry 12-4	Parkhead HA Welfare Rights Drop-In 9-1	Social Security Scotland benefits advice (AM)	Jobs & Business Glasgow Employment Support
Menself Walking Group 10-12	Playbusters Youth Group 3:30-5	Drill Hall Pantry Shettleston 10-3	Wash House Garden Drop-in 11-4	Drill Hall Pantry Shettleston 10-1
Wash House Garden Drop-In 11-4	PYP Drama Group 5-7		Spoon's Breakfast Bingo 10-11	PYP Teens Drop-in 6-9:30
Ladie's Sewing Group 6-9			Drill Hall Pantry 11-4	
PYP Youth Group 3:30-5:30 6:00-7:30			Menself - Men's Group 6-8:30	
			Ladie's Yoga/Tai Chi 6-7	



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