North Queensferry Community Complex

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Hello….from North Queensferry Parish Church

My name is Andrea Fraser and the Minister working in North Queensferry for the time being, and I thought I might say Hi and a little bit about the Parish Church in your community.

We are an inclusive congregation, where all are very welcome. Whether you come every Sunday or once a year; maybe you come to our Messy Church – and if you do, I am looking forward to meeting you all in August. Maybe you come along to the Wednesday Coffee Mornings or are part of the Walking Group (See Website for more details) – and if you are I hope the see you around from time to time. If you see me out and about this summer, please do stop me and say hello – if you see the church door open at any time please do come and say hi! This is your Church in your Community and my hope is that you feel that it is your church too.

Did you know that the Church of Scotland seeks to ensure that there is no postcode that isn't covered by a Parish Church? This means that here in North Queensferry, if you find yourself needing to organise a Wedding, (and it doesn't have to be in the church), a baptism or a funeral – then the Parish Minister if you would like can conduct these services and we cannot take payment for doing so. The Church of Scotland is here for all people, in all moments of life, whether we know your name or not – please don't let anything be a barrier to wondering if you think I can help or that you would like to just say hi!

Our Sunday Morning Services are at 10am every week and all are very welcome to come along. Messy Church is on Sunday 27th August 2023 at 4pm – 6pm – all age fun with food and All are Welcome.

Please do stop in and say hi! Or I do hope to be about over the summer in the community – do say hello!" .

Andrea

The Forth Bridges Trail is a new visitor trail highlighting Scotland's iconic Forth Bridges and the distinctive historic communities of North and South Queensferry. It's a five-mile circular route bringing together 16 points of interest in North and South Queensferry and along the Forth Road Bridge, offers historical facts, local tales and folklore, and panoramic views of the three crossings and the Firth of Forth.

Stops on the trail include Battery Road in North Queensferry remembering The Briggers, the men and boys who constructed the Forth Bridge, The Forth Road Bridge's iconic towers with views from the walkway over Port Edgar to the west and the Forth Bridge to the east, Hawes in South Queensferry opposite the Hawes Inn featured in Robert Louis Stevenson's novel Kidnapped.

Developed by the Forth Bridges Tourism Group, the trail has been designed to encourage visitors to explore the area further, on both sides of the Forth, and support the area's year-round tourism businesses which include boat trips, outdoor activities, visitor attractions, cafes & restaurants, independent retailers and accommodation providers.

Supporting Scotland's ambitions to be a world-leading responsible destination, the trail is accessible by foot, bike, and public transport, including train stations at North Queensferry and Dalmeny.

Signs marking points of interest along the trail have been designed to reflect the famous red steelwork of the original Forth Bridge, awarded UNESO World Heritage Site status in 2015. The panels feature illustrated maps, images and stories on the history of the Bridges, the Firth of Forth, and communities of North and South Queensferry. Each panel has a QR code linking to further information on the Forth Bridges website.

Ken Gourlay, Chairman of the Forth Bridges Tourism Group and Executive Director of Enterprise and Environment at Fife Council said:

"I am delighted that we have launched The Forth Bridges Trail. The Forth Bridges communities have welcomed visitors for hundreds of years, be they pilgrims, ferry passengers or those enjoying the coast and our magnificent bridges, and the new trail showcases this long and rich history".

"With the area being so easily accessible by

The Forth Bridges Trail cont...

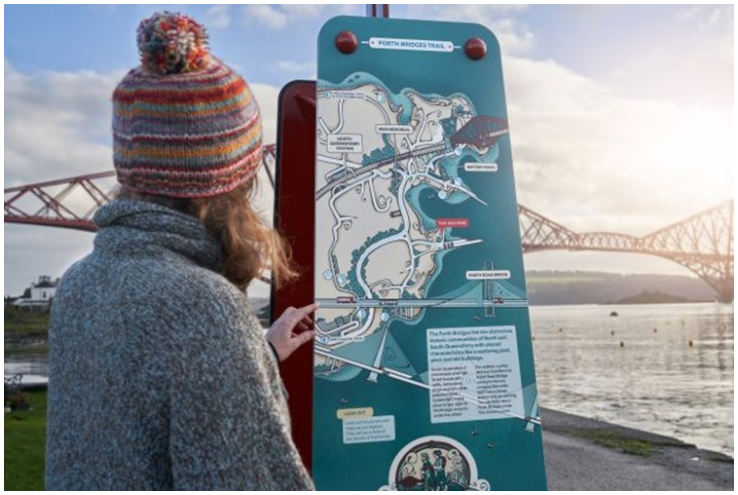
public transport, we hope that The Forth Bridges Trail encourage visitors to come and explore both sides of the Forth cycling or on foot, enjoying the outdoor activities and excellent hospitality that is on offer, and of course taking in the wonderful views.

"Our thanks go to the local history and heritage groups who have worked with us to identify the stories and images featured on the panels."

The Forth Bridges Tourism Group was established in 2019 and is responsible for delivering the Forth Bridges Area Tourism Strategy, a 10-year plan endorsed by the Scottish Government to create a sustainable and high-quality visitor destination across the Firth of Forth. Core membership of the group includes City of Edinburgh Council, Fife Council, West Lothian Council, Network Rail, Transport Scotland, VisitScotland and Historic Environment Scotland.

To support the launch of the Forth Bridges Trail, the Forth Bridges website has been redeveloped by Transport Scotland with new pages focussed on helping plan and enjoy a visit to the area. This includes the best places to view the Bridges, opportunities for cycling and walking across the Forth Road Bridge, and recommendations of things to do in North and South Queensferry and the wider area. A new visitor video has also been created and there is dedicated activity on the Forth Bridges social media channels.

Plans to add further interpretation and fingerpost signs are in development



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Friday October 6th 2023
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Building work and all types of maintenance

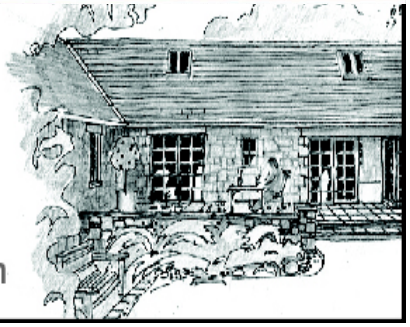
Building: concrete block, brick, stone, paving, slab, underground drainage, channel drainage, landscaping.
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NORTH QUEENSFERRY WALKING GROUP 2023

The meeting point is NQ Church car park every alternate Wednesday at 10.00am. Volunteer drivers will take other walkers to minimise the use of cars.

DATE	WALK	TYPE	DISTANCE	DETAILS
12 July'23	Kinghorn Loch	C	3-4 miles	From the Ecology Centre, we have 2 options—the longer "Standing Stanes" route (3.7miles) or the shorter Grangehill / Golf Course route (2.8miles).
26 July'23	Dollar Glen & Castle Campbell	C	2.8miles	A gradual climb from the picturesque village of Dollar, through Dollar Glen and up to Castle Campbell to the viewpoint.
09 August'23	Crook of Devon & Rumbling Bridge Gorge	C	6.5 miles	Starting from Crook of Devon we have a few options should the full walk be too demanding, so don't be put off. Witches Maze, Drum, Rumbling Bridge all included.
23 August'23	Falkirk Wheel & the Two Canal Circuit	C	3.5 miles	From the Falkirk Wheel there are numerous options-- the walk itself linking both canals, a boat trip on the Wheel, the Visitors Centre, not forgetting the café.
06 September'23	Dysart & Ravenscraig	C	2.5 miles	This is a short easy walk on good paths, starting from Dysart Harbour. The Walk includes Ravenscraig Castle.
20 September'23	St. Ninian's Circular Walk	C	Various	This Walk takes in both St. Ninian's East and West man-made hills (ascent is optional) and the shores of Loch Fitty. Part of the Walk includes the Fife Pilgrim Way.
04 October'23	Torry Bay & Crombie Point	C	3 miles	Mostly on surfaced paths, this Walk includes Craigflower House, the ruins of the Old Crombie Parish Church and Crombie Point House. Part of the Walk is on the Fife Coastal Path.
18 October'23	Lochore Meadows Country Park	C	3.5miles	There are numerous walks here, but the most popular one is the circular walk around Loch Ore itself. With a well-stocked café on the shores, this is one of the most popular walks.

Key: C—circular walk

Calling all children aged from 8 to 12 years.

You still have time to grow your own plant from seed and to enter it in the

Village Show

On

Saturday 2nd September at the Community Centre

Www.inverkeithingmedicalgroup.scot.nhs.uk

The pandemic has taken a heavy toll. We are managing patients in General Practice for longer due to long waiting lists for hospital care, as well as seeing those whose usual care was interrupted during the pandemic- including delayed diagnoses and postponed management, as well as the physical and mental effects of COVID itself. Higher demand and stress has resulted in many GPs leaving the profession. Within SW Fife Cluster two neighbouring practices are now under Health Board control, as are around 1/10 practices nationally, due to lack of GPs. This leads to patient dissatisfaction with GP accessibility.

At IMG we have tried to adapt our appointment system during and since the pandemic. As life returned to 'norm' we re-introduced routine appointments, both telephone and face-to-face, to allow our patients to book these in advance. These appointments should be used for symptoms that have been present for weeks/ months, that are not concerning for cancer, and patients using their own judgement feel can wait four weeks to be seen. A face-to-face appointment is essential if an examination is necessary.

We offer a number of on-the-day emergency triage appointments. These are reserved for patients with acute symptoms that need seen and treated that day, that cannot wait a four week appointment. We are often seeing routine complaints taking emergency triage slots which is inappropriate as the time allocated to deal with emergency appointments is shorter and it prevents patients with a genuine acute problem being seen.

Home visits should only be requested for palliative and housebound patients. They take three times longer to do. If you manage to get out for shopping or to the hairdresser, you should attend the Surgery.

Remember your health problem may be more suitable for another service. If you have an accident or emergency you should attend A&E at VHK. The Minor Injuries Unit at QMH is suitable for injuries less than three days old. Pharmacy is the first point of contact for minor ailments, Optician for eye problems and Dentist for dental issues.

We understand that telephone lines are busy and appointment waiting time is not ideal but we are working under extreme pressures. Primary Care funding has reduced, we are limited by finite resource and need to work safely. We are lucky enough at IMG to be a stable practice with a terrific team of GPs, Nurses, Pharmacy, Reception and Administrative Staff. This is something we are very proud of and wish to sustain. Thank you for supporting us by making the best use of our resources.

https://bmascotland.home.blog/2023/02/02/failure-to-fund-pay-uplift-is-deeply-damaging-to-primary-care/

If you smell oil /gas fumes outside….

Contact as soon as you can: David East: Communications Manager: INEOS O&P UK, FPS and Petroineos; +44 1324 476948: david.east@ineos.com

Please note:-

Weather conditions – direction of wind.

State of the tide:

If you can see a tanker loading at Hound Point.

Let your Community Council know: nqccsecretary@livingwater.org.uk

You make our show

Every contribution to the Village Show is important - growing, sewing, painting, baking and so much more will be on display at 2pm, Saturday 2 September at the Community Centre. Come along and see what the village has produced.

Forth Bridge Writer in Residence



Have you been following the news from the Forth Bridge Writer-in-Residence, Barbara Henderson?

Barbara started her year in residence at the Forth Bridge Barnardo's Your View event in September 2022 where she interviewed some of the visitors to find out what the Forth Bridge means to them and took a trip to the top, despite being scared of heights!

She's had a busy year with Forth Bridge inspired events and workshops in schools, libraries and Museums across Scotland. Her visits featuring readings, engineering challenges and interactive drama have been very popular. She was in North Queensferry Primary School in March, following up with a set of her latest novel "Rivet Boy" for the school library.

"Rivet Boy" is based on a real-life Dunfermline boy who fell from the Forth Bridge during its construction in 1889 and survived unhurt. The book's hero is 12-year-old John Nicol who gets a job at the Forth Bridge construction site knowing it's dangerous. Workers have already fallen from the bridge into the Forth below. But John had no choice—with his father gone, he must provide an income for his family—even if he is terrified of heights. John finds comfort in the new Carnegie library, his friend Cora and his squirrel companion, Rusty. But when he is sent to work in Cain Murdoch's Rivet Gang, John must find the courage to climb, to face his fears, and to stand up to his evil boss.

Barbara will be appearing in the Edinburgh Book Festival school's programme on 23rd August and finishing off her year at the Your View event in September.

She's been keeping a diary and you can find it on her website: https://write4bairns.wordpress.com/category/forth-bridge-writer-in-residence-diary/

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Community Council

Why do you see nine local residents and four Fife Council councillors walk/drive to the Community Centre every second Thursday of the month at about 7.15pm?

These people make up your Community Council and they are off to attend the regular monthly North Queensferry Community Council meeting, which is open to the public and indeed the public are very welcome.

Your Council at its monthly meetings hears and discusses news and concerns and takes action as required. Additionally Council representatives attend outside meetings such as the recent one with INEOS. This was an opportunity for INEOS to meet councillors from South and North Queensferries (Inverkeithing and Dalgety Bay were unable to attend) to share news and updates and to listen to the views of the community with regards to operations at Hound Point and Dalmeny Tank Farm. Please see the separate article from INEOS.

Other meetings attended include those with Edinburgh Airport to ensure the village is not disadvantaged where flight paths are concerned. It seems that your Council involvement has to date positively influenced the positioning of these paths. Edinburgh Airport Limited is now taking our suggestions seriously resulting in changes which have influenced the distribution of flights over northern Britain.

The Chair and Vice-Chair of your Council attend virtual monthly meetings with Network Rail. In fact such meetings have been a regular occurrence for the last three years. In addition to these virtual meetings, Network Rail were invited to attend the May Community Council, face to face meeting. The priority was to confirm progress to alleviate the issue of rusty water which has been seriously affecting properties near the Forth Rail Bridge for some time. To date actions have not worked and further resolution is necessary. At the June Council meeting it was noted that Network Rail is sampling the water from the Bridge and Network Rail was conducting an internal investigation to assess the damage to property. However there has yet to be any acknowledgment of liability by Network Rail: the whole situation is very unsatisfactory particularly for the residents affected.

If you are finding this wee article of interest – why not join the Community Council? Elections are coming up on **28 September 2023.** The Community Council is needing more people, apart from being very welcome you would also be supporting your village.

The following information is from Fife Council:-

Standing as a candidate in the 2023 elections on 28 September 2023.

To stand as a community councillor you must:

be 16 or over,
be on the electoral register at an address in the area of the community council area you want to stand in, and;
must not be an elected member of Fife Council.

Anyone interested in standing as a candidate for their local Community Council needs to be on the electoral register by **Monday 10th July 2023**. To be on the electoral register go online and apply on the Government's 'Register to Vote' page: **https://www.gov.uk/register-to-vote.**

You'll be able to download a candidate nomination pack for the upcoming Community Council elections on line on **Monday 14th August 2023**.

The list of Community Councils going to a vote will be available here by **Friday 8th September 2023**.

A vote is held when there are more candidates wishing to stand than there are places available. This means that, in some areas, there will be a vote, as there will be more people wanting to stand than places available on the Community Council. In others, there won't be a vote, as there will either be the exact number of people as there are places, or the minimum number of people required to form the community council.

28 September 2023. Community Council elections.

To find out more go to **www.communitycouncils.scot**

Finally, mention needs to be made of all the 'routine' tasks we undertake such as Planning applications and the never ending excellent work of the floral enhancement group. Your Council hears the local police report (unfortunately, today there is seldom a member of the

Community Council cont...

local police force present).The June report noted among other some calls concerning public nuisances…maybe the screaming cars at 11pm are now under the police radar. Additionally your Council also receives reports from our four Fife Councillors working hard to take forward village concerns.

Finally, but by no means least, your Council fully supports the actions to retrieve the Albert as a pub and 'heart of the village'.The draft minutes of the latest Community Council meeting are displayed for all to read on the three village notice boards and at the Community Centre..

Walled Garden

If you're interested in growing fruit and veg but don't have the space or the know-how then come and join in at NQ Walled Garden. It's on private land but the owner makes it available to the conmunity. There's a polytunnel and a fruit cage and lots of veg beds. We look after the whole place together and share out what we grow so it's not like an allotment. We meet on the first Saturday and third Sunday of each month but you can come at any time that suits you, once you know the way and how it all works. There's a watering system and all the tools needed.

If you're on Facebook you can join the group by searching for "NQ Walled Garden", otherwise email luciemacaulay@frontstep.myzen.co.uk and you will

Brock Street Play Park Refurbishment

Since the last issue of the Ferry News, the pupils of North Queensferry Primary School have developed a "Design Book" and highlighted their preferences for the refurbished Play Park.

Members of the Group met up with Fife Council's Parks & Open Spaces and also one of the designers of the equipment.

We can confirm that the Brock Street Play Park is on the "List" for refurbishment, albeit at a lower priority, at the moment. Meantime, Fife Council will survey the area and with the assistance of the designer, produce a number of options for discussion.

Currently, the pupils have been tasked to come up with a "Theme" for the park. The initial challenge produced some 12 various themes, so a voting campaign is in progress to come up with the most popular theme.

The pupils are also looking at novel ways to raise funds to achieve our target of £4,000.00 from the community.

A "Crowd Funding" page on the Just Giving web site is live and to date, has secured a total of £1,184.00 (£619.00 previously and £565.00 current) through donations from individuals as well as local organisations. Local financial support is essential to secure the larger fund packages from external sources such as Fife Council, Fife Environment Trust, National Lottery etc.etc.

As with the Pierhead Play Park, any businesses / organisations supporting the project will be noted on the permanent signage at the Play Park.

So this is a plea to all to support this venture.

We'll keep you posted on this front.

To make a donation, please log onto:

https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/david-neill-3

Our web page has a picture of the Forth Rail Bridge (surprise, surprise!!)

Easier still is to use the QR code:

INEOS Community Councils' Newsletters – An introduction to INEOS FPS

We are delighted to accept the invitation from your Community Council to add the information below, by way of an introduction to the INEOS FPS business, to this newsletter.

INEOS FPS took over operations of the Forties Pipeline System (FPS) from the previous Operator in 2017. The FPS is an integrated oil and gas transportation and processing system. It utilises more than 500 miles of pipeline to safely transport crude oil and gas from nearly 80 fields in the North Sea for processing at the Kinneil Terminal. There are around 500 direct employees located at various Scottish assets within the business network with many other indirect roles employed throughout the supply chain dependent upon our continued operations.

At Kinneil, we separate the oil from the gas. The oil is transferred as 'Forties Blend' to storage facilities at Dalmeny or utilised by the Petroineos refinery in Grangemouth. The FPS is a critical Central North Sea transport infrastructure and in 2022 transported over 40% of the UK's total oil production from the UK sector of the North Sea to the mainland. The gas is used as a feedstock for the co-located Grangemouth petrochemical plants or can be exported to markets via our jetties in the Forth Ports' Grangemouth Docks.





The Dalmeny Oil Storage Tank farm occupies an elevated position, 16 miles to the east of the Kinneil terminal in Grangemouth. Set within a bunded (walled) site, there are four oil storage tanks, each with the capacity to hold up to 500,000 barrels of oil. It is from here that our operations teams load vessels at the Hound Point terminal in the Forth.

The Hound Point Terminal in the Firth of Forth is located to the east of the road and rail bridges. It is a deep-water berth that facilitates the export of crude oil to markets around the world. Typically, vessels with capacities of between 600,000 and 2 million barrels of oil will visit Hound Point.

Since transfer of ownership, we have been keen to engage with the local community, specifically in relation to our operations around the export terminal at Hound Point. To this end, we have established meetings with your Community Council representatives to discuss items of mutual interest and to listen.

Thank you for taking the time to read this information. We would encourage you to engage with your Community Council Reps, to bring forward any comments and feedback in relation to our operations, such that these may be discussed at our regular (6-monthly) meetings.

You can learn more about our business on line at: www.ineos.com/businesses/ineos-fps/

David East, INEOS Communications Manager
on behalf of the INEOS FPS business

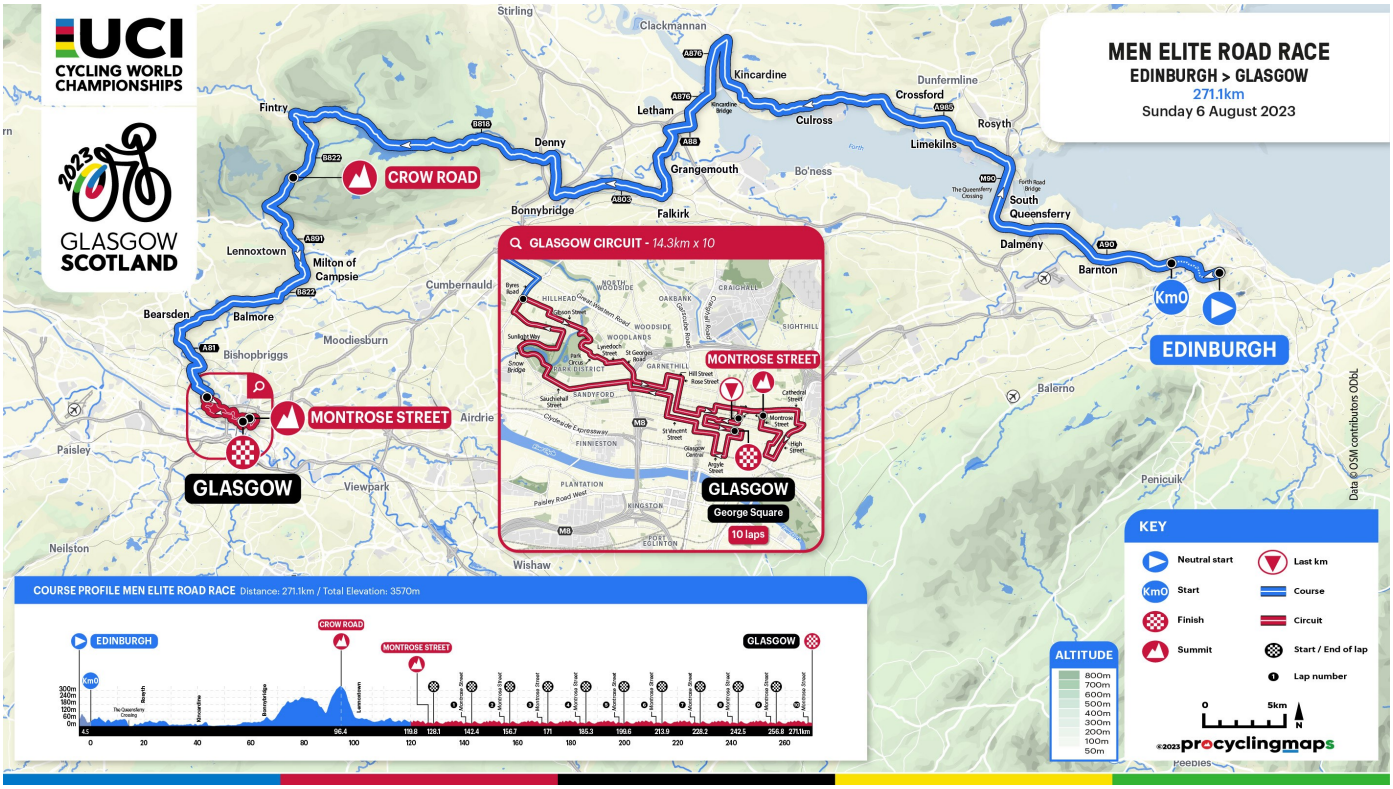
Union Cycliste Internationale (UCI) _World Cycling Championships Men's Elite Road Race coming through Fife

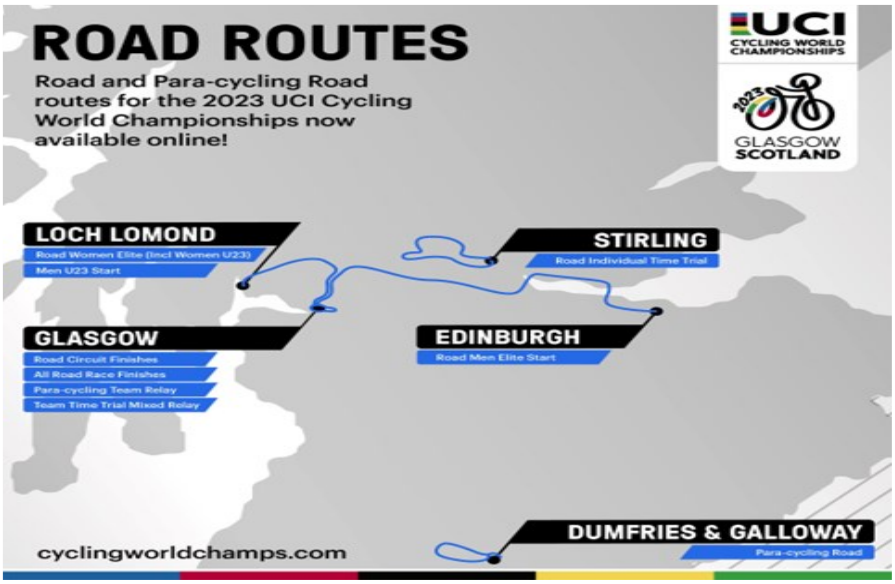
The route for the UCI Men's Elite Road Race, which will form part of the 2023 UCI Cycling World Championships, has been announced.

The race will pass through South Fife on Sunday 6th August 2023. This is anticipated to be a large event drawing visitors from across the world to attend and follow the race as it makes its way from Edinburgh to Glasgow.

The race enters Fife approximately 10am via the Queensferry Crossing, heading along Ferrytoll Road, Castle Road, Hilton Road, continuing on the A985 to the Clackmannanshire Bridge. The route does not come through North Queensferry, but the rolling road closures for the event may have some local impact for a short time. Further details will be available nearer the event.

Fife Council has provided full details for the route; information for spectators, residents and businesses on this website: [UCI World Cycling Championships Men's Elite Road Race coming through Fife | Fife Council]





See you at the show

North Queensferry Village Show is on Saturday 2 September at 2pm at the Community Centre. We hope you will be there to enjoy the plants and vegetables, art and craft work, cakes, biscuits and preserves, photography, children's inspired entries and a lot more. Of course while you are there you may well buy a few raffle tickets and enjoy a piece of homemade cake washed down with a 'cuppa'.

The success of this show depends on you –not only visiting on the day, but also making/growing something for everyone to enjoy. A schedule listing all the categories of exhibits will be posted through your door in August. Obviously if you are a young gardener you will need to start soon if you intend entering 'A plant grown from seed'!

The Community Centre will be open to receive exhibits on Friday 1 September: 6-8pm and on the Saturday morning 9-10am.

This is a North Queensferry Heritage Trust event

North Queensferry Parish Church

Sunday 27th August 2023

3:50pm for 4pm. Finishes 6pm

Family Fun!

Crafts,Games,Songs,Stories, BBQ

(Children bring an adult)

all welcome

www.messychurch.org.uk www.nqchurch.uk

North Queensferry Harbour Yard
Crafting/ Making/ Mending Sessions

Current sessions for adults:

High School age children are welcome during the school holidays.

Mondays 9.30-11.30 am – Knitting, crochet, yarn crafts
Tuesdays 9.30-11.30 am – Sewing and mending
Tuesday 6.30 – 9.30pm – Open space for all crafts

The term will run from 3rd July – 29th August

The cost for 9 weeks is £25 or £3 per session if paid individually

These are not taught courses but there are people on hand to help you learn a new skill or find ideas for something to make. There are lots of sewing machines and equipment and materials for all sorts of projects or you can bring what you are already making and work on it in company.

Free Drop-In Creativity Sessions for Kids

Thursdays 1-4pm during school holidays

- Each session will have a general theme and the equipment and materials to explore a variety of crafts. Come and make a mess that someone else will tidy up and follow your child's imagination!
- All ages welcome. No booking needed - Just turn up!
- Every child needs a parent or carer but an adult can bring several children.

□ Invent your own toys □ Yarn, rope & string □ Wire and mobiles □

□ Puppets □ Cardboard and pop-ups □ Marble run□

Tea, coffee and juice will be available. Please bring a snack if you want one.

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