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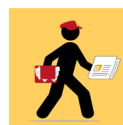
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Chosen by Gary at First
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We wish everyone a Merry
Xmas and a happy and
prosperous 2025.
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continued support.

The KDCC Team

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GIRLGUIDING KINTORE



What we have been up to

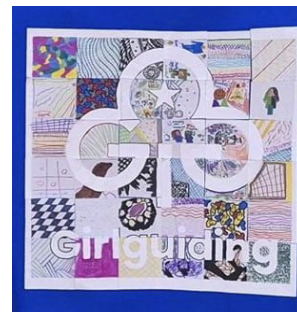
3rd Kintore Brownies enjoyed a trip to Greenmyres Eco Bothy, Huntly in September where they learned how to erect a tent, prepare and cook campfire doughnuts, canoe and many more adventure tasks. Smores were also enjoyed during tasks to complete their Camp Badge.



1st and 3rd Rainbows along with 3rd Brownies are completing a Baking Challenge badge this term which has included blind tasting brands of digestives (McVities won by a huge majority), making spider biscuits for Halloween and poppy digestives for Remembrance Sunday. They also made poppy wreaths which have been erected on the railings at Kintore Public Hall. We hope you saw them.



September saw NEOS (North East Open Studios) across Scotland for a week so Guides acknowledged this by reproducing the Guiding Trefoil in their own artistic style (below left).



We are delighted for Anya and Isla who have both completed their Guide Gold Award by earning all 6 theme awards and then a final challenge. This is an incredible achievement, and they should both be very proud.

The Guides completed the Be Well skills builder while also recognising a variety of national and world 'Days'. We celebrated inclusion by taking part in some paralympic sports, took part in national doodle day with some splatter art, world animal day by trying some animal yoga poses and world mental health week by learning about strategies for coping with stress and worries. Along with this we did healthy cooking and, of course, played lots and lots of games!!!

The rest of our term Rainbows have a Rainbows Day planned which is a full day of Christmas baking, crafts and games. Brownies have a trip to Garioch Community Kitchen scheduled and all units in our District and Midmill District are looking forward to a cinema outing to see Moana 2. Fundraising for the Foodbank is also planned and we will update you with what we have been doing in the next issue of the Kintore Konnect.

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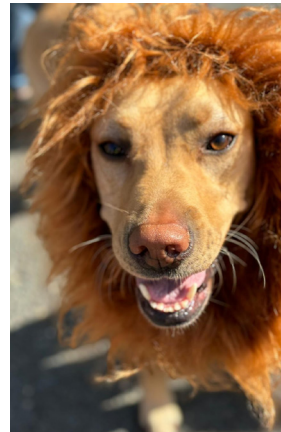


KINTORE STREET PARTY - 31st August 2024

After months of planning, the day finally arrived. Sun shining, streets lined with spectators and Kintore Pipe Band started off our day of fun, entertainment and music. They headed our parade which included children and dogs in fancy dress, vintage tractors, a trishaw and members of the Kintore United FC.



Many stalls with an array of goods including crafts, pottery, games, raffles, tombola, dog merchandise, a race car simulator, chutneys and jams, ice cream and more were there.



Our resident Matilda (Lottie Anderson) arrived with her mobile library of books for children.

Burgers and sausages were enjoyed from our local Dossett's Butchers BBQ along with our local Fish & Chips mobile van providing traditional chip shop favourites. Teas and coffees with home bakes were available from the Girlguiding stall along with refreshments and candy floss from The Square, Kintore.



The Scout Hut and The Bothie were open with many other games and entertainment including a bouncy castle.

The whole day was jam packed of entertainment including Line Dancers, a magician and music. Chalmers Mackay Music School showed how talented their pupils are by showcasing their bands. There was music to suit all tastes, and it gave the bands a great opportunity to perform. They sounded fantastic.



That's not all, at the Fire Station, there was a classic car, vintage tractors and an opportunity to have a close-up view of a Fire Engine.

Our local Church provided more musical entertainment and hosted two shows of the magician.

The event raised a total of £3000 which was divided equally between two very worthwhile causes.

Firstly Halfpenny-Farm Animal Sanctuary. This is run by Mike and Louise who give old, ill or animals at risk a fresh start and a new permanent home.

Situated on the outskirts of Kintore.

Secondly, Kintore United Football Club. Over 240 children aged between 5 and 18 make up 13 football teams and have approximately 70 volunteers who work on behalf of the club. Donations are important to these organisations, and both were very appreciative of the cheques received.



We are very grateful for all donations received from – Chalmers Mackay Music School, Jog Scotland Kintore, Sustainable Roots, Lina Moles Yoga, GJS Joinery, Kids Club, Elite Hair, Pet-Ex Services, Kintore Golf Club, Scentral Bark, The Crafty Café, Scentsy, Thainstone House Hotel, Dossetts Butchers, Co-op, Sainsburys, Morrisons, Station 83 Gym, The Kemnay Farm Shop, Kintore Fish & Chips, Hummingbird Café, Girlguiding, Jim Reid Vehicle Sales & Service, Rotary, LAPA Dance, Amy Pates Ceramics, Train and Treat Dog Store, Matilda Library Van, Historian Alison and many Kintore residents who simply wished to donate something towards the event. Apologies to anyone missed off the list, but know your generosity was very much appreciated.

A Burns Supper fundraiser will be held on 25 th January 2025 at Kintore Golf Club. Proceeds will go towards producing an even better Kintore Street Party in 2025. If you like Scottish music, Haggis, Neeps & Tatties or simply a good night out, then please contact Kenny on 07407603175 or Ruby Mackay on 01467 629637 or Eona-Jane on 07917852933 for tickets.

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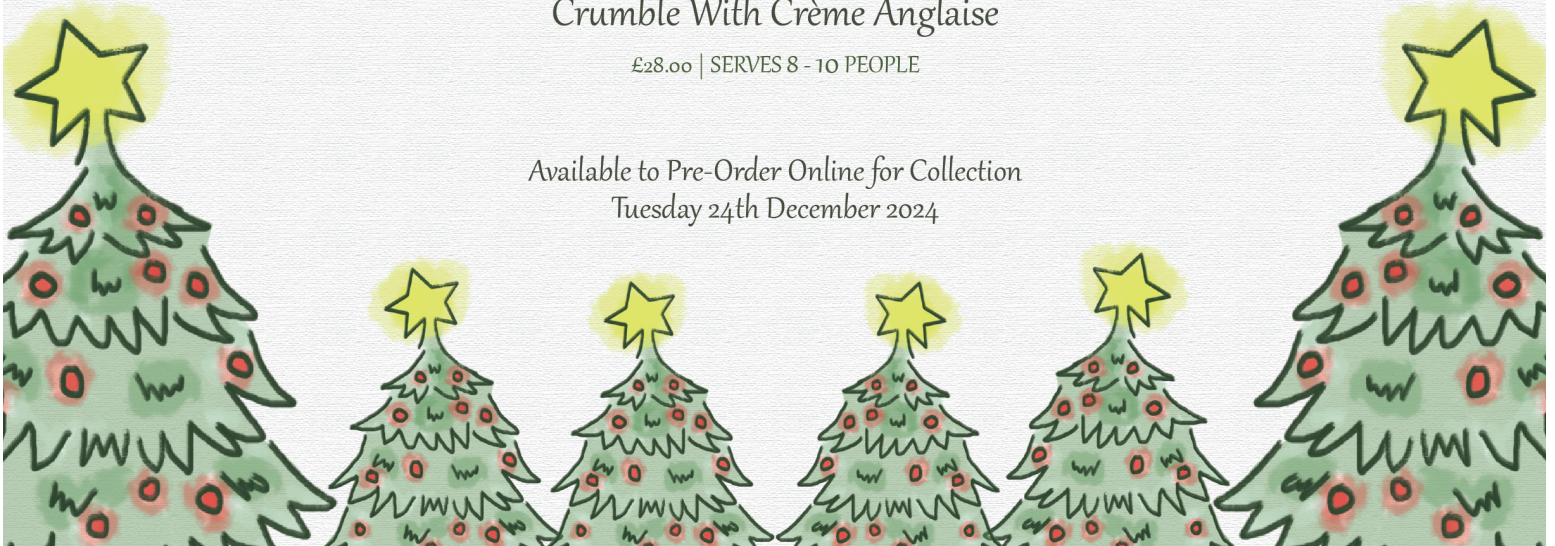
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KINTORE & DISTRICT COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Kintore and District Community Council - November 2024

Following the Community Council elections in September we are delighted to say that we have gained new members, Janine Cracknell, Laura Murrie, Angus Cheyne, Dave MacAllan and Fabio Greatbatch. It is great to see people joining the Community Council and wanting to help improve the town where we live, work or visit.

It's been a busy few months for the various groups, most of the 13 projects we planned (and some not planned) to do have been completed with the help of the many willing volunteers without whom we could not do it. The major outstanding item is to give the Pavilion in the park some much loved TLC.

We spruced up all the area around the Town House before the Street Party and it looked great on the day, especially with the blue sky and sunshine.



Kintore Family Fireworks Display

The event was a huge success and you, the residents of Kintore turned out in huge numbers to support the event. We are extremely grateful for your support we raised a good amount of money, and this will help cover the costs of a future event.

The Community Council wish to acknowledge the hard work and effort put into the event by Eve Lamond – Team Lead.



A special mention also for:-

- Fireworx Scotland - Fantastic Display
- The Rotary Club of Kintore, Kemnay and Blackburn.
- Kintore Scouts
- AJM First Aid for provision of First aid
- All our local Volunteers who set up, took down and cleaned up.
- Shane (who didn't want recognition but without him donating his generators, lights and many other items we would have not had the successful event)



To all our sponsors that supported us: -

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Sunday Afternoons.
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- 1st December (Mini-Messy) - - - 14:30-15:30
- 12th January - - - - - 15:30-17:30
- 9th February - - - - - 15:30-17:30
- 9th March - - - - - 14:30-15:30
- 20th April (Easter Fun) - - - - -

We normally start at 15:30 with refreshments at Kintore Church.

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Saturday	10am - 9pm	10am - 8pm
Sunday	10am - 7pm	10am - 7pm

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There is a festive menu in December. Phone for details or check Facebook.

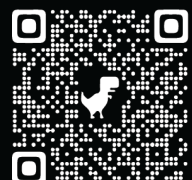


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KINTORE COUNCILLOR REPORT - G. Reid

Kintore Surgery – Community Frustrations and Request to Reopen

In support of the recent petition, I have written to Aberdeenshire Health and Social Care Partnership (see below) to express the communities' frustrations at the non-provision of GP appointments at Kintore Medical Centre. It is a matter that is outwith the remit of the council, but so vital to us all that something must be done to improve the situation.

"After various communications with Inverurie Medical Group's Practice Systems Manager, where I expressed the disappointment and frustrations of the community about the non-provision of GP appointments at our Kintore surgery, I was assured by her and Dr Smith that this was not a permanent position, that they were carrying out a review after the 2023 summer holiday period and would then return to providing pre-booked appointments in Kintore.

I followed this up a couple of times, and was initially told that the review had not taken place yet, but in the last reply I was told that they would not be changing this at the moment:

'The GPs are independent contractors. The Partnership is essentially a business with a contract to provide healthcare provision. Due to a variety of factors you are aware of, resources are meagre. The GP Partners make decisions as to how best to provision their resources to serve the entire population whilst fulfilling contractual obligations. I am sorry that this is the situation, unfortunately we are unable to facilitate any changes at the moment.

If you do find this response unsatisfactory, I suggest you raise this with the Aberdeenshire Health & Social Care Partnership, although I do believe there are regular meetings between them and council representatives.'

A year has passed, and the situation has not changed and therefore I have decided to take it up with yourself as the local area manager of the Aberdeenshire Health & Social Care Partnership. There already exists a deficit of NHS provision in some areas of Aberdeenshire, especially in my ward where Newmachar and Blackburn constituents have to go to Aberdeen to access their GP practices and now you are overseeing another where the Kintore service has not been reinstated as promised and Kintore residents have to go to Inverurie to access their GP services.

We are a town of 5,000 people, and as such we have a considerable number of elderly people, people with mobility issues, young families and they are struggling to access their GP service. Public transport has worsened and there is now no direct bus to the GP practice, plus we are living in a cost of living crisis and people shouldn't have to pay for public transport to access their GPs when there is a surgery building already in Kintore.

People are aware that there are lots of resource pressures on the surgery, but we need a compromise. No one is expecting that it be reopened five days a week, but it is surely not beyond the resources of the practice to at least reopen the surgery for two or three days per week. What seems to be lacking is the will to do this and therefore I am requesting a meeting with yourself so we can discuss how we can resolve this.

It is unfair that the 10th largest town in Aberdeenshire is treated like a subsidiary of Inverurie. We need to remember that when things did not suit the practice they decided to hand back their contract. They then changed their minds, promised community engagement and the restoration of GP appointments in Kintore. However, they have reneged on this and if they will not honour their

not compromise and offer some appointments in our local surgery then perhaps you should look to remove Kintore from their practice and appoint another medical group to operate from Kintore.

The feeling in the town is so strongly in support of the surgery reopening that a recent petition on the subject gathered approximately 700 signatures within a matter of weeks.

I look forward to hearing from you and meeting you asap to see what resolution can be found to this hugely important issue."

Kintore Station Lights - Fixed

I have had multiple complaints from various constituents from Kintore and outwith that the lights were not working/on at the Station at night.

I raised the issue with various officers, as I no longer have a contact at Network Rail (NR), over the last two weeks as I know how concerning this has been for many people.

I was informed last week that NR were aware of the problem. I continued to chase this and yesterday I was told that NR had fixed them on the 2nd of October.

Hopefully this will give people some peace of mind when planning their trips.

Surgeries

Due to family reasons, I have had to change my schedule for my surgeries:

The next of my regular constituent surgeries will take place at Kinellar School, Blackburn, from 6.30 - 7.00pm on the 10th of December.

The dates for the rest of my surgeries are:

04.02.25	The Axis Centre, Newmachar	6.30-7.00pm
04.03.25	Hatton of Fintray Village Hall	6.00-6.30pm
13.05.25	Kintore Primary School (Link Room 3)	5.45-6.15pm
03.06.25	Kinellar Primary School	6.30-7.00pm

There is no need to book so please come along if you feel that I can assist you in any way.

Cllr. Glen Reid
Community Champion
LGiU Scottish Councillor Awards
East Garioch (Ward 12)

ABERDEENSHIRE LIEUTENANCY

The Lieutenancy team continue to have the honour and pleasure of participating in a number of memorable events and celebrations across the Aberdeenshire Lieutenancy. Over the Summer I have had the privilege of attending many Highland Games and local shows. I have also visited many interesting venues including The Grampian Transport Museum at Alford. The museum is one of the region's top visitor destinations and hosts the most wonderful array of transport exhibits ranging from the travelling chariots of the 1800s to some of the fastest cars built. The group are photographed standing beside the 1924 HP Daimler Shooting Brake which was commissioned for King George V from Hooper & Co. of Piccadilly and which is on loan to the museum from the Sandringham Estate in Norfolk to mark the Coronation of Their Majesties last year.

Anniversaries and Birthdays

One of the Lieutenancy's roles continues to be to ensure that messages of congratulations are delivered from Their Majesties, The King and Queen to those celebrating their 60th, 70th or 75th wedding anniversaries and 100th and 105th Birthdays. My Deputies and I are also delighted to visit on the day of such special milestones and present a card and our personal congratulations. Information can be found on the Aberdeenshire Lieutenancy website. <https://www.lordlieutenant-aberdeenshire.co.uk/>. Recently Deputy Lieutenants have been delighted to present Diamond Wedding congratulations cards to Kintore residents, Alan and Sheila Miller and John and Elizabeth Sim.

Pictured are John and Elizabeth Sim with William Paton DL.



All abilities Boardwalk at Newburgh Beach

Vice Lord-Lieutenant Joanna, Lady Aberdeen was a guest of the Newburgh and Ythan Community Trust for the opening of the new all abilities boardwalk at Newburgh Beach. She joined Isobel Davidson (Chair), Ron Macdonald (Secretary), trustees Glen Douglas and Gail Henderson, as well as a great number of others involved in the Newburgh Seal Viewing Experience Project. Dawn Taylor, a local resident and wheelchair user cut the ribbon and led the way to the low level viewpoint. For the first time in 19 years, she was able to look out over the estuary to Forvie's northern shore where the amazing colony of grey seals is located. The boardwalk extends to the newly enlarged high viewing point where, as well as the seal interpretive



board, a new board containing a James McBey print of the local landscape is located. This terrific project has been supported by Aberdeenshire Council, Visit Scotland, Visit Aberdeenshire, the UK and Scottish Governments, NatureScot and the Barratt Foundation.

King's Award for Enterprise

I recently had the great pleasure of presenting The King's Award for Enterprise in International Trade to both Deep Casing Tools of Westhill and Maritime Developments Ltd, now based in Cove. Deep Casing Tools have shown outstanding sales growth in recent years due to their focus on innovation and listening to their customer's needs. Maritime Developments' award reflects the company's "Outstanding Short-Term Growth" in overseas sales over three years. Many congratulations to both innovative and progressive companies who are showcasing the best of Aberdeenshire enterprise.



King's Award for Enterprise

The Aberdeenshire Lieutenancy is keen to know of any individual or voluntary organisation who have made an exceptional contribution for the wider benefit of others in their community and assist in giving full consideration for appropriate recognition. Please contact us at the email address below, in confidence, should you have any suggestions.

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Very best wishes to you all
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Age 15+

YAFTS Youth Group
Young and Free To Speak
Tuesdays 7pm-9pm
Age 12+

All groups are free and delivered by youth workers and volunteers to create a safe, fun space for young people to have a voice, make positive changes in their community, participate in educational workshops, and to have fun!

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Do you originally come from Kintore?

Yes, despite now staying just outside Alford I work full time at Jim Reid Vehicle Sales & Service as a driver/handyman based in Kintore and was born and raised in Kintore. Living with my late mum Mabel and dad Jim at 100 Kingsfield Road, where dad still stays now. I went to Kintore Primary School and spent my first and second year of senior schooling at Kintore when the secondary school was open before finishing my schooling at the then brand new Kemnay Academy in 1982.

A little birdie tells me you were quite a successful sports star in your younger years?

Nothing national, but at a local level I was known to win one or two awards. I was Kintore Golf Junior Champion 4 or 5 times, played cricket with Kintore Cricket Club, was a darts trophy winner for the Torryburn and Kintore Arms. I also played competitive lawn bowls for Kintore, but my real passion is my Racing Pigeons which I still competitively race nationally and attend shows and exhibitions across the UK with my 70 pigeons who are housed at home in a specially made loft. Lastly, I couldn't not mention my love for football, which I played in my youth but I should be known for my support of Liverpool FC (even naming my house Anfield) and Highland League Team Keith FC.

Can you give us a bit of background on your career?

After leaving school I became an apprentice Plasterer/Tile Fixer working for Eric Yule before getting an opportunity to join Tait's Paper Mill in Port Elphinstone and worked there for 27 years before it sadly closed in March 2009. Following that redundancy, I had a few jobs locally and latterly worked on my wife Alison's family farm Mains of Tonley, Alford looking after their famous Aberdeen Angus herd amongst other things. Following an almost fatal brain aneurism I was advised to get a less stressful and manual labour-intensive job and saw an opening for a position with Team Reid as a driver/handyman about 6 years ago which is something I absolutely love because the job is so wide and varied, plus it gives me the opportunity to help out in the community.

You have been heavily involved this year with the Kintore – It's Your Neighbourhood Project can you tell us more about that?

IYN is an initiative set up by Kintore and District Community Council with my boss Jim Reid being Team Lead, it gave me the opportunity to participate, helping give something back to my hometown Kintore. Amongst other things, I have been involved with grass cutting, strimming, weeding, cleaning and washing bus shelters, the fountain, painting the tar at the Town House, filling potholes in various areas around the town, refurbishing benches across the town, making new flower beds, maintaining the trash pumps for the resilience team and even filling sandbags for the floods. So, as you can see it's been a really busy time over the last 12 -18 months, but I thoroughly enjoy it because I see it makes a difference and often Jim Reid is with me and we have a fantastic laugh, joke and share some great stories.

What has been your highlight this year?

I received a special award at work for helping out in the community but I'm very proud of helping Team Reid win the community STARS award from the Scottish Motor Trade Association recently to acknowledge our Team's fantastic effort helping out the local community.

Do you think others should follow your lead and help out volunteering?

Absolutely 100%, it is a great way to give back and help others. Anyone who wants to help Kintore look better should get involved with the It's Your Neighbourhood Project in 2025, trust me there is plenty to do!



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Please contact Janine Cracknell on 07584672271
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Keep antifreeze out of reach of pets and wildlife. If you suspect any animal has consumed antifreeze, contact a vet immediately. Look out for signs of staggering, increased drinking and urinating, lethargy, vomiting, seizures and difficulty breathing.

As it gets icy, don't take unnecessary risks. Slips and falls are just as likely for our pets as they are for us. Consider keeping your pet inside during severe weather.

Keep your dog on a lead on walks near frozen water. If the worst happens and they fall through, don't enter the

water. Seek assistance from a passerby and break ice from the bank to increase the chances of the animal making its way back. Their chance of rescue is higher if you're not the focus.

You can be a part of the rescue effort this winter by following these tips. You can also volunteer your time, donate pet food to our Pet Aid programme or adopt or foster an animal in need. Learn more on our website: <https://www.scottishspca.org/>

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Pets Get Winter Blues Too

It is that wonderful time of year again with winter walks, snowmen and roaring fires. As the cold weather arrives, spare a thought for pets of all shapes and sizes who feel the cold too!

Dogs: Many of our canine patients love the snow! Owners are delighted to see their dog tearing around in a snowy park and rolling in snowdrifts. Smaller breeds (such as Chihuahuas or Yorkshire terriers), slimmer breeds (such as Lurchers or Greyhounds) or thin coated breeds (such as boxers) will feel the cold more. They might appreciate a well fitted doggy jacket to keep them warm when they are outside playing. Salt from road gritters can cause sore feet when out walking, so perhaps stick to verges or paths if the gritters have been out. Don't be surprised if older dogs start to feel stiff, colder weather can play havoc with stiff joints. If your dog is starting to stiffen up in the mornings or after exercise, he or she could be suffering from early stage arthritis. If you are worried that this might be the case then please contact your vet because there are many things that can be done to ease the stiffness and make your dog feel a lot better.

Outdoor Pets: (E.g. Rabbits, Guinea Pigs or even Chickens) need special consideration at this time of the year. Keep your hutches and coops extra clean, and make sure that they are dry and free from draughts. Move hutches to a sheltered position if possible, preferably inside a shed or garage. Add extra bedding, and even consider insulating the outside of a hutch or coop with blankets or house insulation. Give them fresh water and food every day and check the water bottle or dish every day to ensure it doesn't freeze up.

Anti-Freeze: Many people are changing their cars' antifreeze at this time of year. There may be half used tubs or pots lying around your street or a neighbour's garden. Dogs and cats find antifreeze tasty (it is a sweet substance) and will often try to drink it. However antifreeze is highly toxic and ingestion is often fatal. We have had a number of cats hospitalised at our surgery with anti-freeze poisoning over the years and even with intensive treatment, sadly they rarely pull through. Speak to your neighbours and check your shed for old bottles of antifreeze, and keep your pets safe!

With the summer just a distant memory, it can be tempting to take a pause in the battle to keep your pets and your home flea free! Fleas can be just as active during the winter because the central heating stimulates the eggs to hatch in the house. A single adult flea can lay over 50 eggs per day – so even a brief pause in flea protection can allow literally thousands of fleas to hatch, leading to an infestation.

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KINTORE CHURCH

Give me the Good News

In 1982 a man from my home-town who delighted in the name, "Crocodile" Harris, made it into the South African Christmas pop charts with a song called "Give Me the Good News". He was a one-hit wonder; we never heard from him again. The song wasn't much musically either but in terms of capturing the spirit of the moment it was a corker.

As we headed towards Christmas that year, the news each night alternated between reports of violence in Beirut, Belfast and Soweto, followed by an update of how many of "our boys" had been killed in the South African Border War in Angola. Against this backdrop Crocodile Harris sang:

*“If we accept the word forever, maybe we should live together
And not be scared to watch the late night news.
You can't use guns to build a nation, a bullet never was creation
Give, give me the good news. War's the one game where we all lose.
Give me the good news.”*

40 years on and it seems the nightly news is just as scary as it was then. How we could use some Good News this Christmas!

In 1965 Charles M. Schulz, creator of the Peanuts cartoon, was invited to write a television special for Christmas. In "A Charlie Brown Christmas" Schulz's characters get involved in competitive Christmas lights displays, greedy letters to Santa, an uncooperative Christmas play cast and a search for the perfect Christmas tree – all while Charlie Brown is trying to find out what Christmas is really all about. Amidst all the hype his quest seems hopeless until his friend Linus hushes the cast and gives them the Good News:

"And there were in the same country shepherds abiding in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night. And, lo, the angel of the Lord came upon them, and the glory of the Lord shone round about them: and they were sore afraid.

And the angel said unto them, Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord. And this shall be a sign unto you; Ye shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger. And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God, and saying, Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men."

May your Christmas be filled with Good News and may the New Year bring a time when no one is afraid to watch the late night news.

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Special Christmas Events

- Sat, 30th Nov – **Christmas Lights Switch-on** 5:30 pm Monymusk
- Sat, 7th Dec – **Christmas Lights Switch-on** 4:00 pm Kintore
- Sun, 8th Dec – **Christmas at Blairdaff** 2:30 pm Blairdaff
- Wed, 11th Dec – **Time to Remember** 7:00 pm Kintore
- Tues, 17th Dec – **Carols in the Square** 7:00 pm Monymusk
- Sun, 22nd Dec – **Carols by Candlelight** 6:30 pm Kintore

Christmas Gift Services – Sun, 8th Dec
Kemnay – 10:00am
Kintore – 10:00am

Nativities and Carol Services

- Chapel of Garioch – **Lessons and Carols** Sun, 15th Dec, 10:00 am
- Kemnay – **Nativity Play** Sun, 15th Dec, 10:00 am
- Monymusk – **Church Nativity** Sun, 15th Dec, 10:00am
- Echt – **Instant Nativity / Carol Service** Sun, 15th Dec, 6:00 pm
- Kemnay – **Lessons and Carols** Sun, 22nd Dec, 10:00 am
- Kintore – **Instant Nativity** Sun, 22nd Dec, 10:00 am

Christmas Eve – Tues, 24th Dec

- Kintore – Christingle, 5:30 pm
- Kemnay – Clothing the Cradle, 6:30 pm
- Monymusk – Family Service, 7:00 pm

Watchnight – Tues, 24th Dec

- Echt – 11:00 pm
- Kemnay – 11:00 pm
- Kintore – 11:15 pm

Christmas Day – Wed, 25th Dec

- Monymusk – 10:30am
- Kintore – 11:00am

Joint Service – Sunday, 29th Dec, Echt, 10:00 am (Communion)



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Sundays in December (10:00 am)

- Christmas Gift Services – Sun, 8th Dec**
- Instant Nativity – Sun, 22nd Dec**

Christingle Service - Christmas Eve – Tues, 24th Dec – 5:30 pm

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Each year Rotary Clubs in the Aberdeen area support fund-raising for Charlie House, by selling raffle tickets – the grand prize being a new car. To date the local Clubs have been able to raise over £90,000 towards the build project.

We also support the Rotary Shoe Box Appeal, where we send boxes filled with presents donated by generous residents to children in need in Eastern European countries such as Romania and Ukraine. Many of the children live in orphanages, and these boxes are the only present they have ever received. The boxes are available now, our deadline for delivery to Dyce is mid-November.

In June each year, Aberdeen and local Clubs organise Kids Out, which these days is located at the Barracks, Bridge of Don. We provide entertainment and attractions for children with special needs, hopefully on a sunny day. It's so rewarding to see the smiles on the children's faces.

In addition to my Club responsibilities, I am also the Youth Services Team Leader for the north of Scotland – comprising a total of 88 Clubs. Our team looks after the youth competitions, including the Primary Schools Quiz, which I am sure some parents are familiar with. In addition, we have individual competitions such as Young Writer, Young Photographer, Young Artist, Young Environmentalist, Young Chef, and Young Musician. We come across many talented youngsters in the different age categories and are proud to have the winner of the Young Photographer in the United Kingdom Final 2024 coming from Kemnay Academy.

If you would like to know more about any of the above, or just want a chat, feel free to contact me, I would be happy to oblige.

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What's been happening?

At the tail end of August, we were asked to provide a static display in conjunction with our colleagues from the Inverurie ambulance station at the Kintore Music Festival.

The display provided members of the public some time to practice and hone their skills in CPR and choking using our choking manikin.

We also used our NEW flags for the first time, which look great and lets you know who we are at any event set ups. These were kindly donated from Jason Rhind of JJR Roofing, Inverurie.



At our monthly training sessions in October, we had a fantastic presentation from one of our newest members Ian Paterson who along with his colleague from Police Scotland provided firsthand experience on drugs found within our community.

As First Responders, we carry and administer NALOXONE in times of suspected drugs overdose. Unfortunately, the use of drugs is common in Scotland and if you would like to know more on the awareness or on how to treat a suspected drugs overdose you can sign-up for free on Overdose Prevention, Intervention, and the use of Naloxone at the Scottish Drugs Forum online.



Delm8 is now supporting Inverurie Community First Responders with access to their specialist address finder service. Delm8 finds any address, including farms and cottages

making our response times to you our patients easier and quicker.

Alan Milne: Group Co-ordinator

Joint training session?

On Monday 4th Nov, we held a joint training session with the Special Constables from Police Scotland based out of Inverurie.

This was a hugely beneficial experience where both teams learned a lot about each others roles and capabilities. We ended the session with two scenarios involving the core skills of both teams.

We work closely with other agencies such as Police Scotland and Scottish Fire and Rescue. Sessions like this impact hugely on team building and shared knowledge.

Thank you to every who came along and made this a really enjoyable informative session.

Jim Brand: Group Trainer

Yearly operational statistics up to November 2024?

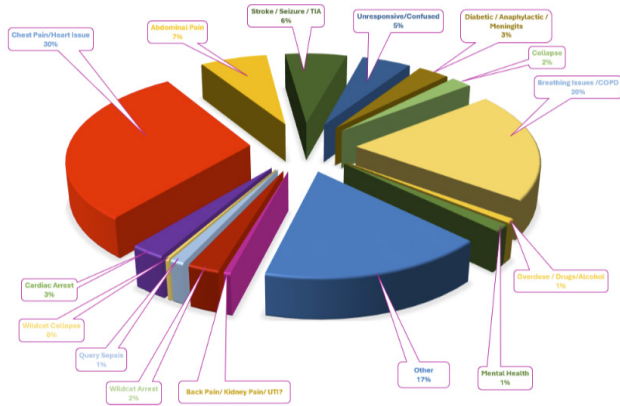
This year, as always, has been a busy year for the team not only supporting our areas of Garioch, Formartine & Marr but also due to the ever-increasing demand on the NHS system travelling into the outer areas of Aberdeen and onwards to the main heart of the city at times providing lifesaving intervention to you, the public.

According to information received from the Scottish Ambulance Service Community Reliance Team, the Inverurie team is in the top five busiest groups in the whole North Division.

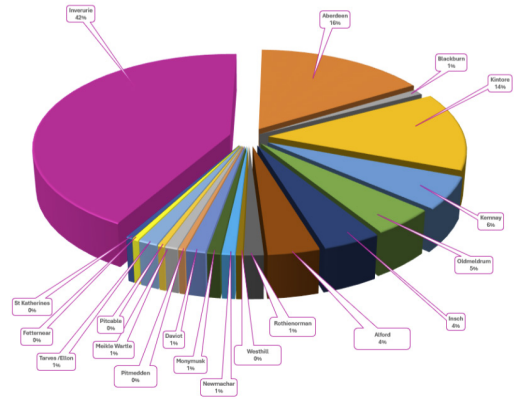
On behalf of the Inverurie Team, I'd like to say a big thank you to our patients, and their families, our SAS AR staff and local crews. Also, extended thanks to the team for their continued support.

Happy Christmas and a prosperous New Year.

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KINTORE & DISTRICT COMMUNITY COUNCIL

It's Your Neighbourhood

The team took part in a Keep Scotland Beautiful initiative and the results from the Judge are below, well done everyone.



OVERALL LEVEL ACHIEVED Level 4 - Thriving

Areas of achievement: Community involvement is very evident and of good quality in achieving outcomes. A well driven group wanting to achieve the best for the settlement. Utilising group members to improve the streetscape produces real results; washing bus shelters and weeding streets and other structures has such a real impact on the desirability of Kintore as a place to work and live.

Recommendations/suggestions from your assessor: This is a group that could enter the Beautiful Scotland competition, and I would recommend Kintore Community Council consider this going forward – do get in touch with Juliette at Keep Scotland Beautiful to chat through this and to find out about their mentor support offer. Like many groups, a leader that drives the idea of improving the locality is something to be proud of. It would be useful to have a 5-year plan considered building in sustainability for the group.

The Floral team have been donated a new "cairtie" by Ainslie Reid to help move the big planters around. Thank you, Ainslie.

A new picnic table and bench has been placed at the Town House and has been well used.

The flowerbed at the end of Lochburn has had a makeover too.

Many will remember that there used to be floodlights at the front of the Town House but they were broken, we have had new floodlights donated by Barry Spence of Electric Centre, Inverurie and local electrician Paul Johnstone will be installing them free of charge. We hope to have them in place and working before Xmas. Thanks to Barry and Paul.

Lots more in the pipeline for next year.



Aberdeenshire North Food Bank

We know only too well that everyone is continuing to see rising costs when shopping for their household due to the ongoing cost of living crisis and we are so grateful to all of you generous people who continue to buy something extra when you are out shopping to donate to our stocks.

Our wish list for the current month is always to be found on our website (<https://aberdeenshirenorth.foodbank.org.uk>) or on our Facebook page and is usually displayed on our local collection points in supermarkets both in Kintore and Inverurie. The wish list reflects food items that we are particularly short of that month and can change quite quickly. Some items are always in short supply – we never seem to have enough UHT milk or long-life fruit juice! On the other hand, our stocks of tinned soup, tinned beans and packets of pasta are usually quite good. We can prove that many of you do look at our lists of shortages before you go shopping because, as each month passes, we see highlighted items coming in as donations in greater quantity and for that we are truly grateful.

We often tell you that we cannot continue to provide the help for households living in food poverty without your ongoing support and that is so true. Whether you donate items of food or make donations of money (details provided on our website), your good will and generosity is what keeps us going. In the first three months of this year, our food bank in Inverurie supplied 177 households with food parcels, feeding 239 adults and 126 children. In the same period, across our whole Aberdeenshire network of 5 food banks (Inverurie, Ellon, Huntly, Peterhead and Fraserburgh), we provided a total of 1124 food parcels, providing for 1572 adults and 462 children. In April, while we took in stock amounting to 4435 kg of food, we distributed 6827 kg in food parcels. We really do depend on your donations.

We volunteers are just so grateful that we are surrounded by communities who truly care about their neighbours and are willing to help in whatever way they can. We long for the day when the existence of Food Banks is no longer necessary but, until that happens, we can just say a heartfelt 'thank you' to you all for your support.



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What else can you do at the library?

Knit and Stitch - is on a Tuesday 10 – 12, (except 24th & 31st December) no booking is required but spaces are limited. For details 01467 532605 or email kintore.library@aberdeenshire.gov.uk

Bookbug sessions - are on a Tuesday at 10.30am – booking is advisable but subject to space we are happy to accept people walking in, book at lifelifeaberdeenshire.org.uk/libraries.

Doorstep Delivery - if you are unable to come to us we may be able to come to you, please phone us direct for details 01467 532605 or email kintore.library@aberdeenshire.gov.uk.

Bra Bank - bring in your new and gently worn bras and we will arrange for them to go to Africa, via a charity partner.

Jigsaws - there is a wide selection of adult's jigsaws available for borrowing.

On Christmas Eve in addition to the normal Bookbug session (siblings welcome) there will be drop in children's festive crafts from 10 – 12, Bookbug attendees will be crafting between 11 – 11.30, so please be mindful of this.

What can you do at home?

Lifelifeaberdeenshire is an innovative approach to delivering Sports and Culture Services on behalf of Aberdeenshire Council. On the libraries home page you can see various initiatives which might be useful to you. Digital library To access free newspapers (including the P&J), e-books, e-audio books and e-magazines. The library catalogue is where to go to reserve books of interest to you, which will be delivered to the library of your choice, you can also request the library service buys a book if it is not already held. Online Databases are also accessible, these are trusted sites and great for any homework help as well as being useful tools.

We are keen to do additional outreach, if you would like library staff to visit your group or place of work please be in touch at kintore.library@aberdeenshire.gov.uk or by phone **01467 532605**.

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For more on Princh printing see: <https://www.lifelifeaberdeenshire.org.uk/libraries/princh-printing/>

You will be aware of significant financial challenges facing Aberdeenshire (and all other Councils), please consider completing the Aberdeenshire Council Budget engagement survey 2025/26 which is open until 20th December <https://engage.aberdeenshire.gov.uk/aberdeenshire-council-budget-engagement-2025-26> to have your say in shaping the services which the Council provides. If you do not have access to facilities to do this online you can visit local libraries for assistance.

Kintore Dyslexia Awareness Fayre

Huge thanks to everyone in the community who attended our Kintore Primary School Dyslexia Awareness Fayre on Friday the 21st of June. Thanks also to the local businesses who very kindly donated raffle prizes. We were both delighted and overwhelmed by the numbers attending. As a direct result of your generous support, we are buying a total of 32...

...Yes 32 Chromebooks.

In addition, we have also been accepted for the Tesco tokens from the first week in October 2024 until Mid January 2025. Please spread the word as we would love to add as many Chromebooks as possible to the 32 we have already bought.



KINTORE SENIOR CITIZENS CLUB

We are an over 55's club who meet in the Church Hall on Wednesday afternoons from 2 pm to 4 pm during the Winter months.

Our programme includes Scottish, Country & Western and Irish musicians and singers. Our 2024/2025 session starts on the 2nd October and we are always looking for new members to join our friendly club.

If you want to be entertained on a Wednesday afternoon, Please come along as all members old and new are most welcome.

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WHAT'S ON - WEEKLY CLUBS

EVENT	WHEN	WHERE	TIME
Junior Group - P5, P6 & P7	Every Monday	The Bothie	15:30-17:00
Girl's Brigade Groups (P1 up to and including S6)	Every Monday	Kintore Church Hall	17:00-19:00
3rd Kintore Brownies	Every Monday	Kintore Public Hall	16:00-17:15
3rd Kintore Rainbows	Every Monday	Kintore Public Hall	16:15-17:15
1st Kintore Rainbows	Every Wednesday	Kintore Public Hall	18:15-19:15
1st Kintore Guides & Rangers	Every Thursday	Kintore Public Hall	19:00-20:30
Kintore Scouts - Cubs (8-10 years)	Every Monday & Wednesday	Kintore Scout Hut	18:30-20:15
Kintore Scouts - Beavers (6-8 years)	Every Tuesday & Thursday	Kintore Scout Hut	18:00-19:00
Kintore Scouts - Scouts (10-15 years)	Every Tuesday & Thursday	Kintore Scout Hut	19:30-21:00
Young & Free to speak (YAFTS) (All kids S1)	Every Tuesday	The Bothie	19:00-21:00
Toddlers' Group - Kintore 0-3 Group	Every Monday & Friday	Kintore Public Hall	09:30-11:30
Kintore Community Church	Every Sunday	Kintore Public Hall	10:30
Bumps & Baby - Kintore 0-3 Group	Every Wednesday	Kintore Public Hall	10:00-12:00
2's Group - Kintore 0-3 Group	Every Tuesday & Thursday	Kintore Public Hall	09:30-11:30
Kintore Golf Club Non-profit Community Sports	All week	Kintore Golf Club	10:00-20:00
Kintore Taekwon-Do School	Every Monday & Wednesday	Kintore Parish Church	19:00-20:30 19:30-21:00
NKI Kintore Karate	Every Friday	Kintore Primary School	16:30-17:30

EVENT	WHEN	WHERE	TIME
Kintore Additional Needs Support Group	1st Wednesday Of Every Month	Ask For Location	10:00-12:00
Kintore Senior Citizens Club	Every Wednesday	Kintore Church Hall	14:00-16:00

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Get involved with your community

EVENT	WHEN	WHERE	TIME
Kintore SWI	First Tuesday of every month	Kintore Public Hall	19:30
Kintore Community Council Meeting	Third Tuesday of every month	Kintore Primary School	19:00 - 21:00
Kintore, Kemnay & District Rotary Club	First & Third Thursday of every month	Ask for location	18:45
Messy Church	See Poster on Pg 12	Kintore Church	15:30 - 17:30
Christmas Lights Switch On	Sat 7th December	Kintore Square	16:00
Time to Remember	Wed 11th December	Kintore Church	19:00
Carols by Candlelight	Sun 22nd December	Kintore Church	18:30



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