

[Dundee Art Society – 2022 evening art class #dundeewestend](#)

# Dundee Art Society Roseangle Gallery



Waking up and walking out of the clinging long grass of Covid can be made more likely, possible and enjoyable by participating in the day and evening classes of creative group activity provided by Dundee Art Society.

Wednesday evening is one such opportunity to join in and to share this experience with like-minded members where you would be encouraged to follow your personal inclination by coming prepared with projects that are of personal importance, and the evening would be all the richer for having the opportunity to discover the variety of approaches each participant brings to the classes.

The enjoyment of individual ways and choice of means will be the focus of the class leader's attentive awareness in providing insight and advice covering aspects of materials and techniques involved in design, drawing and painting. Nurturing individual development of their creative inclination would always be the most important priority.



The images are from the portfolio of the tutor, Stan Clementsmith

Wednesday evening classes - see the website for details [www.dundeeartsociety.co.uk](http://www.dundeeartsociety.co.uk)

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## [Improving home warmth in Logie](#) [#dundeewestend](#)



As reported in the Courier and Evening Telegraph earlier this week, I have been highlighting that the housing in Logie is now over 100 years old, many tenants and owners highlight how difficult to heat the houses are and there needs to be urgent action by the City Council to improve insulation in the houses in Logie.

I have over the years spoken with many residents about this issue – and at other locations in the West End. In many parts of the city, council housing and ex-council houses have now benefitted from external insulation. However,

because of solid wall construction and its historic and conservation area status, Logie cannot have external insulation measures.

The answer is, of course, internal insulation and there were two 'trial' properties for internal insulation in Sycamore Place and Birchwood Place some time ago. The results were positive but I have real concerns that any progress on this has stalled.

I therefore contacted the City Council's Head of Housing and Communities seeking an update and he has responded as follows :

**"As you are aware, properties in the Logie estate are of solid wall construction and as such would not be suitable for an external wall insulation solution. The area, however, comes under consideration as being of specific architectural significance in Dundee's history and heritage.**

**This means that changing the outward appearance of the flats is unacceptable to city planners which in turn means we have to consider other options such as internal wall or cavity wall insulation to improve the thermal efficiency of the flats and overall buildings.**

Proposals are currently being developed along with timescales and funding for this is being allowed for in the housing revenue account capital investment programme but timescales are still not clear as to when this will be delivered during the 5 years of the plan in light of competing priorities which we have also had to factor in.

**Once we are clearer, we will of course update you further."**

I have responded making very clear my view that there must be progress soon. I have made the point that, of all the council-built properties in my ward, the Logie houses are – unsurprisingly, given their construction – some of the hardest to heat.

This particularly worries me given the number of elderly tenants in the sheltered area north of Logie Avenue.

I have made the point that, in terms of the council's housing capital plan going forward, priority for insulation works should be given to properties that are particularly hard to heat and residents in fuel poverty.

I will, of course keep residents updated on this important issue as I am anxious to see real progress on this, particularly given soaring energy costs.

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## Paths and steps improvements at Mitchell Street, Fyffe Street, Benvie Road and Polepark Road #dundeewestend



Some time ago, on behalf of residents, I highlighted to the City Council the very poor state of the rear paths and steps to the greenie poles in the “square” of properties at Mitchell Street, Fyffe Street, Benvie Road and Polepark Road that back onto each other.

There was a site visit with residents, the tenancy officer and myself about this and other issues and I am pleased to say that, at the council’s Neighbourhood Services Committee last night, councillors approved a significant tender of nearly £125 000 (£150 000 including fees, etc) to replace 7 sets of steps with new handrails and resurface all the paths.

I am very pleased at the outcome of this, which will make access to the back of the housing and drying area much safer.

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# Weekly Road Report – West End Ward #dundeewestend



DUNDEE CITY COUNCIL – WEEKLY ROAD REPORT

REPORT FOR WEST END WARD – WEEK COMMENCING MONDAY 10 JANUARY 2022

Perth Road (between River Crescent and Riverside Place) – rolling 2 way temporary traffic lights from Monday 10 January for 5 days for City Fibre works.

## **Forthcoming Roadworks**

Taits Lane – closed from 20 January for 2 weeks for footway resurfacing.

Perth Road – westbound lane closure (off-peak) between Blackness Avenue and Windsor Street from Monday 24 January for 10 days for Road Safety works.

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**Get local support – a useful new resource for vulnerable people**



**Quick, free local support for little things and important tasks.**



GetLocalSupport.org is connecting vulnerable people with volunteers approved by volunteer organisations.

It is currently in a test phase and although it will be rolled out across the country in time, it is currently offering support only to vulnerable people based in Dundee. It is being supported by Dundee Volunteer and Voluntary Action.

Some of the things people can request are :

- + A conversation with someone
- + Pick up shopping
- + Pick up a prescription
- + Walk my dog
- + Digital skills assistance

You can read more at [www.GetLocalSupport.org](http://www.GetLocalSupport.org) and make a request for assistance there too.