

# Royal Voluntary Service Update



The Royal Voluntary Service in Dundee is pleased to continue to provide a lifeline to our vulnerable, older people (over 50) and or their carers.

The support we have been providing (during the COVID-19 health emergency) and will continue to provide includes companionship (telephone befriending) calls and welfare checks (Safe & Well phone calls), help packs of essential food and toiletries– providing vital food for those struggling to pay for daily necessities. Read more about existing services [here](#).

For further information on any of the services mentioned please contact: Michelle Manzie, Service Manager [michelle.manzie@royalvoluntaryservice.org.uk](mailto:michelle.manzie@royalvoluntaryservice.org.uk) or 07834 753386.

For referrals for services or enquiries about volunteering for Royal Voluntary Service, Dundee City, please contact either Irene Wallace, Service Coordinator 07917 183548 Thursday or Friday – or email at [Dundeehf@royalvoluntaryservice.org.uk](mailto:Dundeehf@royalvoluntaryservice.org.uk).

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## Happy New Year! #dundeewestend



After such a challenging year, here's hoping for a much better 2021 ... best wishes to all residents in the West End for the New Year!

## [A guid Hogmanay!](#)

### Auld Lang Syne

Should auld acquaint-ance be for-got, And nev-er brought to mind? Should  
5 auld acquaint-ance be for-got, And days of auld lang syne? For  
9 auld land syne, my dear, For auld lang syne; We'll  
13 take a cup o' kind-ness yet For auld lang syne.

## Auld Lang Syne

Should auld acquaintance be forgot,  
And never brought to mind?  
Should auld acquaintance be forgot,  
And auld lang syne?

### CHORUS:

For auld lang syne, my dear,  
For auld lang syne,  
We'll tak a cup of kindness yet,  
For auld lang syne!

And surely ye'll be your pint-stowp,  
And surely I'll be mine,  
And we'll tak a cup o kindness yet,  
For auld lang syne!

We twa hae run about the braes,  
And pou'd the gowans fine,  
But we've wander'd monie a weary fit,  
Sin auld lang syne.

We twa hae paidl'd in the burn  
Frae morning sun till dine,  
But seas between us braid hae roar'd  
Sin auld lang syne.

And there's a hand my trusty fiere,  
And gie's a hand o thine,  
And we'll tak a right guid-willie waught,  
For auld lang syne

**Words adapted from a traditional song by Robbie Burns (1759-96)**

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**[Botanic Garden update #dundeewestend](#)**



Following the announcement on COVID-19 Level 4 restrictions, the University of Dundee Botanic Garden has advised that it will remain open for all local Dundee residents to visit, apart from the following dates:

Hogmanay – 31st December 2020

New Year's Day – 1st January 2021

Staff, Friends and Students who are residing in Dundee can enter by showing their respective cards.

All non-members must pre-purchase a ticket via the Viator or Trip Advisor [here](#).

The café is not open and this will be reviewed on 15th January as we learn more about the lifting or otherwise of Tier 4 restrictions.

With your continued support, the garden remains a safe site to exercise for those who live in Dundee. In planning your visit, patrons are asked to comply with the latest guidance on travel and social distancing at this critical time.

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**[Blether Tay-Gither – Storytelling in](#)**

## Dundee



From [Blether Tay-Gither](#), Dundee's story telling club :

We hope you can join us for our December blether tonight on Zoom – 7pm to 9pm :

The theme is ghosts.

It's that time of year when it's a bit colder outside and we are huddled up in the warmth. More huddled up than usual this year with our enforced prolonged hibernation. Some festive events are still happening and we at least have the chance to meet in a cyber way to share stories. These long dark nights evoke the haunted and eerie things that dwell in the shadows. Even a very well-known Christmas tale tells of these creatures that may come unbidden to reveal the troubled ways of our lives. We are talking about ghosts.

Tonight's Zoom event is an opportunity to share and listen to stories around the theme of ghost stories. There is plenty of them out there so have a look and see what you can find and bring one to share – but if you would just prefer to listen that is ok too!

Event link:

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89697596631>

Meeting ID: 896 9759 6631