

Gardening with young children



With thanks to Ninewells Community Garden, don't forget to book your free place for the next online workshop – "Gardening with young children."

It's on tomorrow – Wednesday 20th May – at 1pm.

There will be a short presentation followed by a Q&A Session. Top tips welcome!

Another team effort from Ninewells Community Garden, PLANT and Andrea from Green Wellies Gardening – all welcome!

You can book at www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/gardening-with-young-children-workshop-and-qa-tickets-105235602520.

Latest update during the COVID-19 emergency

COVID-19

Information updates from Councillors Craig Duncan and Fraser Macpherson

Further update – for Monday 18th May – from Councillor Fraser Macpherson (West End) and Councillor Craig Duncan (Broughty Ferry) :

GOING OUT ADVICE CHANGE

As residents will now know, people in Scotland can now go outside more than once a day to exercise. This activity should continue to be undertaken close to home. Those going out to exercise should either go alone or with members of their household.

The change does not allow people to mix with people from different households, to gather in groups, or to go out to relax outdoors. The changed advice is based on evidence from the UK Government's scientific advisers SAGE regarding outdoor transmission which found the risk seems to be significantly lower than indoors.

KEEPING YOU UPDATED

The First Minister is to make an announcement this week on the easing of the lockdown in Scotland. We will endeavour to keep you informed of any changes.

FURLOUGH EXTENSION

The Coronavirus Job Retention Scheme will continue until the end of October. It entitles furloughed workers across UK to receive 80% of their current salary, up to £2,500. New flexibility will be introduced from August.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/chancellor-extends-furlough-scheme-until-october>

RECYCLING CENTRES

The Scottish Government has indicated that recycling centres may be able to open soon, and COSLA, the organisation representing Scottish local government is suggesting 1st June as a possibility, subject to appropriate safety arrangements to ensure social distancing. We will keep constituents updated about this as many local residents have contacted us about this.

BEREAVEMENT

The ability to offer webcasting of funeral services is now available. This

enables live streaming of services as well as making recordings available for a short time.

NATIONAL WELLBEING CENTRE

New information, resources and support is available to help you at work and at home. The resources are based on the principles of psychological first aid. It provides advice and support for your practical, everyday needs and relationships, as well as tips on self-care, to help you cope with the challenges you're facing during the pandemic.

<https://www.promis.scot/individuals/>

WATER CHARGES

The Water Industry Commission for Scotland has announced a scheme that will provide at least £50 million of support to businesses and organisations. The scheme ensures that business customers impacted by the crisis receive bills that more accurately reflect their current use of water and waste water services. In addition, unmetered and smaller businesses are eligible for a 60% deferral of their wholesale fixed charges backdated to 24 March 2020. The scheme also allows those business customers who prepaid water and sewerage charges to their licensed providers to request a refund. Smaller customers receiving a refund are also eligible to apply for a deferral of their fixed wholesale charges.

https://www.watercommission.co.uk/view_Coronavirus.aspx

TRAINS

The Scottish Government advise that rail travel should be for essential purposes only. Scotrail, the government, the trade unions and passenger groups are preparing for an easing of the lockdown at some point. They have issued this advice for passengers for when that happens.

MAGGIE'S CENTRE

Maggie's Centre has given details of the Makers for Maggie's online raffle.

Coronavirus is having a big impact on people with cancer and their families and friends. They need places like Maggie's more than ever to deal with treatment delays and uncertainty.

Maggie's Dundee is still providing their vital support online and over the phone. But they need funds to keep providing this service. With 'normal' fundraising not happening at the moment, our online raffle and our online market are two ways how we and you can help.

The 'Makers for Maggie's' and other local businesses have donated fantastic and generous prizes to this raffle!

A raffle ticket costs £2 and you can buy as many as you like. The raffle closes on 24 May.

To purchase your raffle tickets follow this link – <https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/makersformaggies-raffle>

INFORMATION

UK Government news: www.gov.uk/search/news-and-communications

Scottish Government Updates: www.gov.scot/news

Dundee City Council updates: www.dundee.gov.uk/coronavirus-covid-19

Covid community helpline for food, shopping, prescriptions, finances, personal care: People in Dundee on the shielded list only – 0300 123 1403. People in Dundee who are vulnerable but not on the shielded list – 0800 111 4000

NHS

Inform

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<https://www.nhsinform.scot/illnesses-and-conditions/infections-and-poisoning/coronavirus-covid-19>

NHS Tayside website: www.nhstayside.scot.nhs.uk

Helpline for those who do not have symptoms but are looking for general health advice Tel: 0800 028 2816.

Health

Protection

Scotland

Guidance

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www.hps.scot.nhs.uk/a-to-z-of-topics/covid-19

Federation of Small Businesses: www.fsb.org.uk/coronavirus

Helpline for small businesses, Monday to Friday, 8.30am to 5.30pm. Tel: 0300 303 0660.

Ready Scotland Information – www.readyscotland.org/coronavirus

Tayside Cares – www.taysidecares.co.uk

SUPPORT AND ADVICE

This is an anxious and uncertain time but we want you to know that we are here to try to help constituents in whatever way that we can.

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[Interview with the Evening Telegraph](#)



Along with council leader, Councillor John Alexander, I took part in a video interview with the Evening Telegraph towards the end of last week.

We discussed a number of local issues during these challenging times including the massive financial challenge facing Dundee City Council – and indeed other local authorities – as a result of the COVID-19 health emergency, a situation I have said must be met by sufficient financial support from government.

That part of the interview can be seen at www.tinyurl.com/eveningtele-interview.

[Weekly Road Report – West End Ward](#) [#dundeewestend](#)



Please note that most works are subject to change and late completion due to the restrictive measures in place following UK and Scottish Government advice that only emergency/urgent works and those considered essential should take place during this period.

REPORT FOR WEST END WARD – SATURDAY 16 AND SUNDAY 17 MAY 2020

Lower Pleasance (Douglas Street to Brewery Lane) – closed on Saturday 16 May for Scottish Water manhole repairs.

REPORT FOR WEST END WARD – WEEK COMMENCING MONDAY 18 MAY 2020

Hawkhill (at Tait's Lane) – off-peak temporary traffic lights on Tuesday 19 May for Scottish Water ironwork repair.

[Getting things done – Pennycook Lane](#)
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Residents recently drew to my attention potholes in Pennycook Lane.

I reported these to the City Council's Roads Maintenance Partnership and am pleased to advise that, despite the challenges facing services during the current health emergency, I have been assured that these repairs will be scheduled for repair – to quote :

“We’ll arrange for an inspector to have a look at Pennycook Lane and log any defects identified for repair.”