

Trees for Nablus – supported by the Dundee-Nablus Twinning Association

Trees for Palestine



Palestinians plant trees... ..their occupiers destroy them



LET'S PLANT TREES FOR PALESTINE !

Your donations will buy olive trees to help farmers living under occupation.

This positive action supports Palestinian farmers and families by giving hope through solidarity.

How to Donate

You can donate by credit or debit card at: cafdonate.cafonline.org/18931

For more details and to pay by bank transfer or cheque please visit: fonsa.org.uk/trees2022 or dundee-nablus.org.uk/trees2022



Dundee-Nablus Twinning Association
رابطة توأمة دندي، نابلس

Friends of Nablus and Surrounding Areas
صداقة نابلس ومحيطها

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Over one million olive trees have been uprooted and cut down in occupied Palestine since 1967.

A violation of international law, this wanton destruction by the Israeli military and settlers is designed to drive Palestinians farmers from their land through relentless intimidation and violence.

The uprooting of olive trees has caused tremendous losses to farmers and their families threatening their very survival.

Despite this, the farmers remain defiant in protecting their land from this environmental vandalism.

For Palestinians, the olive tree is not only a source of food and income, it is central to their identity, an identity rooted in the land of Palestine.

Your trees

We will plant your olive trees in villages around Nablus. They will protect the land. Their fruits will make olive oil. They will sustain the incomes of village families.



Dundee-Nablus Twinning Association supports an official council twinning between Dundee, Scotland and Nablus, Palestine. It was established in 1980 and was the first official twinning of its kind in the world.

Friends of Nablus and Surrounding Areas (FONSA) is a registered Scottish charity SC038512. It helps Palestinian families mostly by funding fees for university students in Nablus and planting olive trees in local villages.

Britain Palestine Friendship and Twinning Network brings together groups who build links between people in both countries.

Please donate generously for olive trees

fonsa.org.uk/trees2022
or dundee-nablus.org.uk/trees2022

Temporary Traffic Order – Tait's Lane



**ROAD
CLOSED**

From the City Council :

Dundee City Council propose to make an Order under Section 14(1) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 for the purpose of facilitating footway resurfacing works. The Order is expected to be in force for 2 weeks from 20 January 2022. Its maximum duration in terms of the Act is eighteen months.

The effect of the Order is to prohibit temporarily all vehicular traffic in Tait's Lane for its entire length.

Access for residents will be maintained where possible.

An alternative route will be available via Corso Street, Peddie Street and Hawkhill.

If you have any query, please contact the Network Management Team, City Development Department, Dundee House, 50 North Lindsay Street, Dundee, DD1 1LS or call Dundee 433168.

**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

[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.

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.