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Foxhounds on the Streets of Edinburgh!

Nether Currie Primary Win Environmental Award



Local Dregghorn army unit, 3rd Battalion The Rifles, are in the process of taking delivery of their new service vehicles. Their new role in the army, as a light mechanised infantry battalion, means they are being equipped with Foxhound protected mobility vehicles, and they will operate as part of the Army's Adaptive Force.

These new vehicles will be seen in the streets of Edinburgh as soldiers based at Dregghorn barracks are trained to use the Foxhounds. Training will last a year and will culminate next October in a large scale competency based exercise on Salisbury plain.

Gordon was invited to visit the battalion and inspect the new vehicles along with Lieutenant Colonel Richard Smith. Gordon commented, *"These state-of-the-art armoured vehicles are a new addition to the army in Edinburgh and as the training progresses will no doubt become a familiar sight to local residents over the next twelve months."*

Local school, Nether Currie Primary, received a prestigious environmental award presented by Mike Russell MSP in the Scottish Parliament at the 2016 Our Environment Competition.

Their project aims to improve the flooding situation at Muir Wood park by installing a new path.

The competition, run by the Scottish Environment Protection Agency, Scotland's Environment Web, and Young Scot, aims to inspire young people to get involved in solving environmental issues in their communities.

Currie Bank of Scotland Closure Update

The Access to Banking review by the Bank of Scotland into the closure of their Currie branch can be found at the below link: -

www.bankofscotland.co.uk/contactus/pdf/BoS_Branch_review_Currie.pdf

Out and About...

Community Organisations Attend MSP Office Opening



To celebrate the opening of the new constituency office at 9 Kingsknowe Park, Gordon invited local community groups, community councillors, and the police. Many attended throughout the afternoon. Gordon commented, "I was pleased that my staff had the opportunity to

meet some of the key members of the community and it is invaluable to build such links to better represent and help my constituents."

Dalmahoy Water Supply



Gordon visited Tarmac's quarry operation at Ravelrig and was given a tour of the operation. Gordon used the opportunity to raise the issue of some Dalmahoy residents experiencing low water pressure and intermittent supply from the water supply pipe line crossing Tarmac's site. Tarmac have agreed to work with residents and Gordon to find a solution.

Commenting, Gordon said, "I was impressed by the scale of the operation at Ravelrig and pleased that we will hopefully be able to improve the water supply situation for local residents."

WHALE Arts Exhibition



Gordon recently attended an exhibition launch at the WHALE Arts Centre on Monday 24 October.

The exhibition, "Clovenstone Voices" was a celebration of the Clovenstone community and featured images of local residents by photographer Raymond Keith (pictured) and interviews by Craig

Tyrie from the Digital Sentinel. The exhibition was supported by Prospect Community Housing.

Small Grants Available for Groups

As an MSP, Gordon Macdonald MSP is occasionally canvassed for his views and opinions by polling organisations such as Ipsos Mori. In return they often donate small amounts between £50-£150 to good causes in the constituency as recommended by Gordon. If you would like your group added to the list of potential recipients, please contact the office.

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Monthly Surgeries — No appointment needed

1st Monday of the month, 6.30pm Wester Hailes Library
2nd Monday of the month, 6.30pm Carrickvale Community Centre
3rd Monday of the month, 6.30pm Currie Library
4th Monday of the month, 6.30pm Oxbgangs Library
5th Monday of the month, 6.30pm Ratho Community Centre

NB: NO SURGERIES DURING PUBLIC AND BANK HOLIDAYS

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