

Christmas tree and festive lights in Cove

Cove and Altens Community Council, on behalf of the community, thank the companies who generously sponsored our decorative streets lights this year.

Thanks go to Hydrasun, Leiths Quarries, The Altens Thistle Hotel, Scotia Homes, Balmoral Group Holdings Ltd., Michael Robb, Accountancy and Cove Gala Committee. It would have been a lesser display without their support as weather decimated our Christmas tree lights last year and new sets had to be provided. Altogether over a whopping £1,300 was raised.

We would also like to send out a large thank you to our Local Independent Driving Schools who are members of the Aberdeen and District Driving Schools Association for their support and donation for the Cove Community Christmas tree. This in itself cost £390 this year. The tree is an integral part of the Festivities in Cove and Altens and without the support of the Driving School it may not have been possible for us to have provided a tree.

From the monies raised, including that from the Christmas Concert, we were able to have the Community Christmas Tree and new lights for it, which cost £100 per string, and needs 8 to decorate it. The decorative Street Lights, which have to be repaired each year as the weather is not kind to them! Each street light, and we have 23 of them at the moment, costs in the region of £70 to put up and take down each year and are stored at no cost by Scotia Animations. Each street light can cost upwards of £350. So you can see, without the community rallying round we could not have provided the warm welcome to Cove and Altens that we have come to expect over the Festive Period.

In order for the Community Council to expand the stock of decorative street lights, more fund raising will have

to be undertaken. If you can help with this by talking to your company's Corporate Social Responsibility contact, if you have a company and could help or would just like to donate please contact **Neil Stewart, Chair, 895318 or email info@cove-bay.com**

Thanks also to the "Tree Team" who got together in freezing temperatures to put up and decorate the Community Tree and later take it down again. Graeme Porteous of Aberdeen Technical Services along with Farmer Lennox from Doonies Rare Breeds Farm also volunteered necessary assistance.

With the support of our sponsors and all those in the community who came forward to give of their time, the festivities in Cove were successful and enjoyed by many, proof of true Community Spirit.



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Gala**



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**MICHAEL ROBB
— ACCOUNTANCY —**



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