

Loirston Annexe Update

The management committee would like to wish all Annexe centre users and the local community a very happy new year!

A New Look

For those of you who are regular users of the Annexe you'll be aware that the Annexe has had a major transformation – particularly the coffee bar and kitchen. We were delighted that Aberdeen Forward (now a partner with CFINE) provided a significant grant which helped towards the complete redecoration of the building. This took place in November and December and we've had some great feedback about how good the building looks ... on the inside.

The grant from Aberdeen Harbour has allowed us to purchase new chairs and ceiling tiles making the place much tidier and cleaner.

We'll be changing the blinds and curtains throughout most the building as well to tie in with the colour scheme and complete the fresh new look. We'll also be organising for new boards to be placed throughout many of the rooms for the groups to use for display purposes. We'd ask that no other areas are used so we avoid pin holes, stuck staples and blue tac taking the paint off the walls. Obviously we have limited space for these but if your group would like a display board, please let the management committee know and we'll do our best to allocate some space.

We have hired a new cleaning company as we felt our expectations on the cleanliness of the building weren't being met.

All we ask is that all the centre users help us keep the building looking as clean as possible so please take care of the facilities.

RUBY Garden

Thanks to all of you who voted for Loirston Annexe in the recent competition featured in the Evening Express. We're so thrilled to have won and the management committee, supported by Anne-Marie Steehouder, are going to be working closely with the Stewart Milne

Group to progress this over the next few months.

Hopefully by the time Spring comes around we'll be able to get some planting done and by summer we should have a fully functioning outdoor space for centre users to take full advantage of. Well done to all those involved in facilitating this!

Anti-Social Behaviour

We've had notification that there's been quite a bit of anti-social behaviour within the car park of the Annexe and we have raised this with the local Police and the City Wardens. "All residents have a right to live peacefully in safe and secure communities" and the Aberdeen City Council Investigation Team aims is to help make sure that all citizens can live peacefully in safe and secure communities. They will rigorously investigate antisocial behaviour complaints and always give residents affected by antisocial behaviour help and support to make them feel safer. Their offices are open from 9am-4pm each day.

You could also report any anti-social behaviour to the Police by calling 101.

Staffing

We're delighted that our administrator, Claire, has returned from maternity leave and we're pleased to welcome her back. If you're interested in booking a birthday party, ladies night, coffee morning or any other kind of event or celebration, please phone Claire on 01224 897235 or eMail loirstonannexe@yahoo.co.uk to find out more.

Facilities Manager/Janitor

We're happy that Brian Allan joined us last year to fulfil this role. His first few weeks were rather hectic as there was much to be done but what a difference! There's still a lot of work to be undertaken including some new flooring in some rooms and daily safety checks to be made but we feel this has been a significant improvement to the running of the Annexe. We hope you agree.

Loirston Annexe Management Committee