

West Dunbartonshire Community Newsletter

Welcome. We aim to share the fantastic work currently being delivered in the authority, publicise up and coming events, funding opportunities and much more. The community newsletter will be published monthly. If you have an event or campaign that you would like mentioned then please get in touch. Thanks.

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Get Involved here



Summer SHINE 2025

Activities for Kids and Families

To check out the list of all funded activities across West Dunbartonshire please visit [Shine 2025 | West Dunbartonshire Council](#) for contact details and info.

Or you can visit individual Facebook pages where you can find out about all the great things the groups do for their communities. FB links below . . .

Awestruck Academy

<https://www.facebook.com/AwestruckAcademy>

Bellsmyre Digital Community

<https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100067172960276>

Bellsmyre Development Trust

<https://www.facebook.com/BellsmyreDevelopmentTrust>

Ben View Resource Centre

<https://www.facebook.com/benviewresourcecentre>

Dalmuir Barclay Church

<https://www.facebook.com/DBCCommunityPantry>

<https://www.facebook.com/dalmuirbarclaychurch>

Empowering Women Dumbarton West

<https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100090550266487>

Faifley Upcycling

<https://www.facebook.com/faifleychurch.recycleroom>

Flourishing Faifley

<https://www.facebook.com/flourishingfaifley>

Friends of Levensgrove

<https://www.facebook.com/FriendsOfLevensgrove>

Summer SHINE 2025

continued

Golden Friendships

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/goldenfriendships>

Haldane Youth Services

<https://www.facebook.com/HALDANEYOUTHSERVICES>

Isaro Community Initiative

<https://www.facebook.com/IsaroInitiative>

Milton Village Community Group

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/759829485460395>

West Dunbartonshire Kinship Care

<https://www.facebook.com/kinshipcarewestdunbartonshire>

West Dunbartonshire Community Foodshare

<https://www.facebook.com/search/top/?q=West%20Dunbartonshire%20Community%20foodshare>

The Phoenix/ Rock Community Church

<https://www.facebook.com/phoenix.dumbarton>

Strathclyde Autistic Society

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/105344839630888/>

Tullochan

<https://www.facebook.com/Tullochan>

Vale of Leven Football Academy

<https://www.facebook.com/VOLFA21>

West Dunbartonshire Youth Council

<https://www.facebook.com/WestDunbartonshireYouthCouncil>

Y SORT IT

<https://www.facebook.com/ysortit>

Alexandria Health - Council - Community



West Dunbartonshire Health and Social Care Partnership would like to know your opinion on how we can improve access to local services in Alexandria.

**Scan the QR code
to take part**



Or type the following into your browser: <https://bit.ly/A-Pilot>

Join Clydesider and Friends of Havoc Meadows this August for two special guided walks where you can discover the amazing nature of Dumbarton's Havoc Meadows. The area is home to beautiful views, fascinating history and unique wildlife. Discover this hidden gem on your doorstep! Both walks are free but numbers are limited, please book your space on Eventbrite: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/discover-havoc-meadows-tickets-1458418973409?aff=oddtcreator>

The walk on Sunday 31 August is designed with accessibility in mind, and will be suitable for wheelchair users. However, we will try to cater for all abilities on both walks. Please let us know when you book about any access needs you have.

Discover Havoc Meadows

August nature walks

Saturday 2nd August, 1pm - 2.30pm

Sunday 31st August, 1pm - 2.30pm



Join Friends of Havoc Meadows for a stroll along the Dumbarton shore to explore the unique wildlife and natural heritage of this fascinating area

Free but spaces are limited - book via Eventbrite



Have you ever wanted to find out how **you** can improve information on Wikipedia? Join Clydesider for an 'Introduction to Wikipedia' workshop to learn how to edit pages, and get stuck in to improving information on West Dunbartonshire's people, places and history. The workshop is free and you don't need any previous experience or equipment to take part! It takes place on Monday 4th August, 12.30 - 4.30pm at Dumbarton Library. Refreshments will be provided and travel expenses within West Dunbartonshire can be reimbursed. Contact kayleigh@clydesider.org.uk to find out more or sign up.

Introduction to... WIKIPEDIA



Learn how to get started editing Wikipedia,
and help improve information about
West Dunbartonshire's people, places and history

Monday 4 August 12.30 - 4.30pm

Dumbarton Library, Church St, Dumbarton

No experience or equipment needed!



Contact Kayleigh for more information
and to sign up: kayleigh@clydesider.org



Check out Working 4U Adult Learning Courses

Lots of courses available throughout West Dunbartonshire

Keep up to date on their facebook page here

<https://www.facebook.com/Working4UAdultLearning>

and webpage here <https://www.west-dunbarton.gov.uk/jobs-and-training/working4u/learning/>

Unlock your potential at our Adult Learning Courses!

SQA courses run in partnership with West College Scotland

STARTING AUGUST 2025!



Email cld@west-dunbarton.gov.uk
or phone 01389 738775

Scan the QR code for more info:



Alexandria

- Sociology – Social Issues
- Stitch in Time – Textile course using sewing machines (not SQA)

Dumbarton

- Developing Further in IT
- Child Care - Coping Strategies & Building Resilience
- Horticulture – Propagation

Clydebank

- Cooking – Desserts and Meats
- Cooking- Cookery Processes
- Cooking – Craft Baking
- Criminology – Crime in the Community
- Child Development

HEALTHY PATHWAYS

Registration now open!

Do you live in West Dunbartonshire?

Would you like to try new activities and meet new people, while building confidence and self-esteem?

Healthy Pathways provides weekly drop in sessions that offer a variety of arts and craft activities, wellness workshops, outdoor activities and group days out.

Interested? Want to know more? Just give Lisa a shout!

CONTACT US

lisa@comlinks.org.uk
0141 952 4382



Community Links Scotland



REGENERATION SERVICES



Healthy Pathways



THE VALE OF LEVEN TRUST

**NEW
ARRIVAL**

New Ride Alert!

Our Sunday rides are getting a fresh twist!

Starting next Sunday (20th July), we're swapping e-bikes for good old-fashioned pedal power.

Join us every Sunday at 13:00 to get active, explore new routes, and connect with fellow cyclists.

Don't worry if you're a bit rusty, we welcome all levels and will keep a comfortable pace. Bring your own bike or get in touch if you need one!

Please ensure you give your bike a check over to check that it is in working order and make sure to bring a spare tube and repair tools with you. Helmets, waterproofs and Hi-Viz are still available to borrow from the Hub.

Pre-booking required. U16's must be accompanied by an adult.

TEL: 01389 752 629 / EMAIL: INFO@VALEOFLEVENTRUST.COM

ADDRESS: 9 MITCHELL WAY, ALEXANDRIA, G83 0LW

The Vale of Leven Trust is a Scottish Charity, SC047591, regulated by the Scottish Charity Regulator (OSCR)



Free Bike Maintenance

Bike needing serviced or needing a safety check? Pop in to Centre81. Our Bike Mechanic is available Monday - Friday, 9am until 12 noon.



Scottish Government
Riaghaltas na h-Alba
gov.scot

Haldane tenants and residents and the Lomond community food pantry are having a table top sale. We're looking for crafters or anyone who would like to book a table. £3 entry charge which includes tea, coffee, juices for the kids and biscuits and cake and it's £10 to book a table. More details here <https://www.facebook.com/photo?fbid=1021320066766833&set=gm.1272973960886361&id&vanity=273872710796496>

[fbid=1021320066766833&set=gm.1272973960886361&id&vanity=273872710796496](https://www.facebook.com/photo?fbid=1021320066766833&set=gm.1272973960886361&id&vanity=273872710796496)

TABLE TOP

Sale

Discover hidden treasures, handmade crafts, and great deals from local vendors.

To get involved in our table top sale please contact Hazel Sorell or David Hendry.

SATURDAY, 2ND AUGUST

Lennox Hall Jamestown, Alexandria G83 8AZ

Start At 2 pm - 4 pm

**£10
PER
TABLE**





Supporting young people ages 5-25 in West Dunbartonshire

9-11 Poplar Road, Broadmeadow Industrial Estate,
Dumbarton G82 2RD
01389 726962

Check out Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/Tullochan>

Have a look - send us a message if you're interested in coming along!
info@tullochan.org

Monday

Employability (11am-2pm)

Tuesday

Timber Transitions (9am-12pm)

Furniture Fix (1pm-4pm)

Wednesday

Personal Development (1pm-4pm)

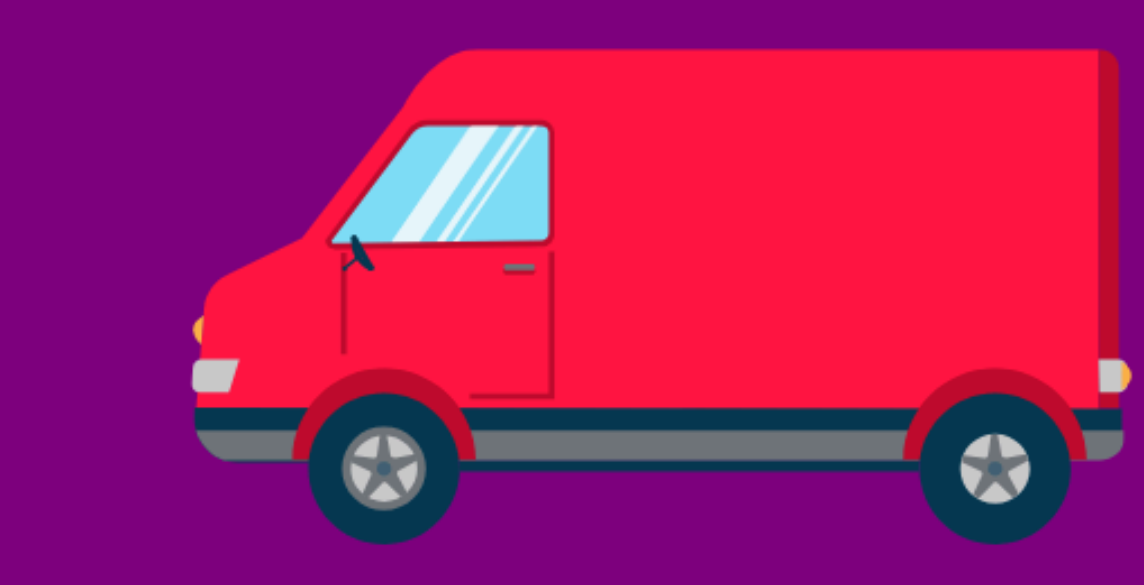
LGBTQ+ (5pm-7pm)

Thursday

Dumbarton Job Centre (930am-1130am)

Gardening & Landscaping (1pm-4pm)

Practical help we can offer to Community Groups



A medium sized van to help transport small items

Funding application support



Support to host your own
event - PA system, flyer design,
gazebo, litter picking kit

Capacity Building to help strengthen your group - networking, advertising, sourcing venues



YourCommunity@west-dunbarton.gov.uk



YOUR COMMUNITY DROP-INS



Clydebank

Do you have an issue in your community you want to discuss?

Do you want to link up with or start a community group?

Come and speak to the Communities Team ...

In WDC libraries :

- * Clydebank - Wednesday 10-12noon
- * Dalmuir - Thursday 10-12noon

In community venues :

- * Centre 81, Whitecrook
11am - 1.30pm
First Wednesday of the month
- * Dalmuir Barclay Church
11am - 2pm
Last Friday of the month
- * Faifley White Church
10am - 12noon
Last Tuesday of the month

Sign up for our
Newsletter

Report an issue
in your area

Funding support

Signposting

Community
Opportunities

Contact us at:

YourCommunity@west-dunbarton.gov.uk



YOUR COMMUNITY DROP-INS



Dumbarton & Alexandria

Do you have an issue in your community you want to discuss?
Do you want to link up with or start a community group?
Come and speak to the Communities Team ...

In WDC libraries :

- * Alexandria
Tuesday 10am - 12noon
and Thursday 1pm - 3pm
- * Dumbarton
Thursday 1pm - 3pm

In community venues :

- * The Concord Centre
10am - 1pm
On the 2nd & 4th Friday of the month

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Lomond Community Food Pantry

Thursdays 1 - 7pm

Fridays 10 - 4pm

Come register and get 10 items for £3!

Find us at the Annex behind the Lennox Hall in
Jamestown (The Old Boys Brigade Hall)

Donations welcomed !



**Lomond
Community
Pantry**



Renton Community Food Hub

M: 07873 102428

E: rentoncommunityfoodhub@gmail.com

St Martin's Church Hall

Thursdays 11.30 - 1pm

**Search [Renton Community Food Hub](#)
on facebook for updates**



**DBC Community
Pantry**
And Drop in Cafe

Serving God by creating a safe,
Inclusive community through
Faith in action.

[DBC Community Pantry & Drop in cafe](#)

Dalmuir Barclay Church

07305 039910

dalmuirbarclayfoodpantry@gmail.com

Thursdays 6.30–8pm

Fridays 11–2pm

**Search [DBC Community Pantry & Drop in cafe](#)
on facebook for updates**

West Dunbartonshire Community Foodshare

Provides emergency food aid parcels to anyone who requires it.

Self referrals or agency referrals.

Delivered to your home.

- By calling 01389 764135, Tuesday to Friday;
- FREEPHONE 0800 345 7050
- By texting HELP to 07483 373031;

Through email wdcommunityfoodshare@outlook.com

Facebook page for up to date information <https://www.facebook.com/West-Dunbartonshire-Community-Foodshare-695908630505272/>

Food for Thought

Provides emergency food aid parcels to anyone who requires it.

Self referrals or agency referrals

- 01389 743908 daily 10am - 5pm.

admin@foodforthoughtwestdun.co.uk

Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/foodforthoughtdumbarton/>

Food for Thought distribution centres are as follows:

- Monday to Friday, Unit 14a Artizan Shopping Centre, Dumbarton 10am - 5pm;
- Tuesday's, CATRA Centre, 5 Alexander Street, Alexandria 11.00am - 12pm;
- Monday's, St Stephens Chapel Hall, Park Road, Dalmuir 11.00am - 12pm;
- Thursday's, Clydebank Community Sports Hub, Dean Street, Clydebank - 11.00am to 12pm.

These are drop in sessions and no referral needed.

Old Kilpatrick Food Parcels & Community Pantry

Food Parcels (OKFP) help any resident of Old Kilpatrick, Bowling & Dalmuir.

Free food pantry. No referral required.

They can be contacted by any of the following routes:

Website – www.okfp.org.uk

- Email contact@okfp.org.uk

- By calling – 07368 496836

Facebook - <https://www.facebook.com/OldKilpatrickFoodParcels/>

- Visit Napier Hall, 312 Dumbarton Road G60 5JH Old Kilpatrick, UK

Open Monday to Friday 12-2pm

Faifley Food Share

Provide emergency food parcels. No referral required.

Check their Facebook page for up to date information

<https://www.facebook.com/faifleyfoodshare/>

Tuesday in Faifley Parish Church Hall 10 - 11am

Faifley Upcycling

Every Tuesday 10-12 at
Faifley Parish Church.

Free clothing for children and
adults, uniforms, household
goods, curtains, bedding, and
small furniture

Donations accepted at the
same time

Full details and enquiries on Facebook "Faifley Upcycling"



Westbridgend Clothing Bank

We have clothes ranging from infant to XXXXL
Pop in for a wee browse.

We're open Mondays and Tuesdays 11-3pm.
Donations can also be made during these times.

You'll find us in Flat One, Lomond Court,
Westbridgend opposite Dalreaoch train station.



DONATIONS: Pass on your unwanted clothing items
and school uniforms to us. Unfortunately we don't
have space for shoes or bags.

Whether you want to donate or see what's available
then pop in and say hello to Elaine and Carol.

Contact details: M: 07742 866069

E: elaine_41@hotmail.com

We're also on facebook.





THE RECYCLE ROOM

Scottish Registered Charity No. - SC050630

137 Onslow Rd, Clydebank, United Kingdom

therecycleroom1@gmail.com

<https://www.facebook.com/therecycleroom1>

For the whole community a way to recycle your unwanted household items...from clothes to curtains, we take it all and give it back to others for FREE!



TAKE TABLE MONDAY

10.30 TIL 12

While it is dry for a wee while we will have tables out.

Shoes, bric a brac, kitchen items, clothes bundles.

buggy, highchairs, baby items

PLEASE ONLY TAKE WHAT YOU NEED!

DOUBLE BUNDLE

We have the following bundle available... perfect for someone just starting out or revamping.

Colours - Greens, Creams, Whites

Duvet Set
Cushions



BABY BOY BUNDLE.

We have managed to put together a great starter bundle.

Travel System
Newborn carseat
Moses Basket and Stand
Prep Machine
Play Gym
Steriliser
Nappies
Blankets and Bedding
Clothes Newborn plus



COLLECTION -
THE RECYCLE
ROOM



LIVING ROOM BUNDLE

We have managed to put together this great bundle. Perfect for someone starting out or revamping.

Eyelet Curtains 54 x 90
B&Q Paint 1/2 tin enough for a feature wall
Wallpaper - enough for a feature wall room
Accessories

COLLECTION - THE RECYCLE ROOM



SINGLE BEDROOM...

We have managed to put together this great bundle...

Colours - Pinks, Creams, Pale Blues

Eyelet Curtains 66 x 72 with tie backs
2 x duvet sets
2 x sheets
Accessories.

COLLECTION - THE RECYCLE ROOM



The Recycle Room COMMUNITY LAUNDRY

SINCE THE OPENING OF OUR COMMUNITY LAUNDRY WE ARE AT 1500 WASHES.

THIS IS A HUGE MILESTONE!

THIS IS A SERVICE OFFERED FOR FREE TO WHOEVER NEEDS IT!

IF YOU OR YOUR BUSINESS WOULD LIKE TO SPONSOR A WASH. PLEASE LET US KNOW.



Funding Info

Path Funding - Walking Scotland

We support the improvement of local path networks within and between communities, making it easier for people to choose to walk for everyday journeys. Applications are open now and close on 8 September 2025. All work must be completed by 23 February 2026.

Who can apply?

Any community organisation with a constitution and bank account based within the SPT region can apply.

[Path Funding – Walking Scotland](#)

Henry Smith Foundation - Holiday Grants

The Holiday Grants Programme offers one-off grants for schools, youth groups and non-profit organisations to take children aged 13 and under on recreational day trips or short residential trips.

[Holiday grants - Henry Smith](#)

TNL Awards for All

National Lottery Awards for All offers funding to support what matters to local communities, it can fund projects that do at least one of the following, Bring people together to build strong relationships across communities; improve the places and spaces that matter most to communities; help people reach their potential, supporting them at the earliest opportunity and support people, communities and organisations facing more demands and challenges because of the cost of living crisis.

[National Lottery Awards for All Scotland | The National Lottery Community Fund \(tnlcommunityfund.org.uk\)](#)

The Access Foundation

Grants are available to registered charities, CICs, educational establishments and CIOs for projects that mitigate the digital divide by making computing facilities, support and/or learning available to disadvantaged and vulnerable people.

[Apply - The Access Foundation](#)

For a comprehensive list of funding opportunities visit Argyll & Bute's funding alert here <https://www.argyll-bute.gov.uk/my-community/grants-and-funding/monthly-funding-alert> and additionally SCVO here <https://funding.scot/search> where you can search by area, type of funding and more.

Loch Lomond & the Trossachs National Park – Engagement Travel Grants

Grants of up to £250 are available for schools and groups working with disadvantaged people across Scotland to cover transport costs for educational trips to Loch Lomond and the Trossachs National Park. There is no deadline and applications can be made at any time. Guidance notes and an application form are available from the Loch Lomond and the Trossachs National Park website.

[**National Park Travel Grant - Here. Now. All of us. - Loch Lomond & The Trossachs National Park**](#)

WDCVS - Managed Funds

Community Chest

The Community Chest fund is a small grant scheme, operating from April to December each year. In 2025/6 the total budget for the fund is £25,000. Applications are accepted across 3 rounds – Spring, Summer and Autumn or until the funding is exhausted.

Social Transport

The Social Transport fund is also resourced by West Dunbartonshire Council. In 2025/6 the total available budget is £50,000. The scheme aims to increase access to transport for local community organisations who are disadvantaged due to the protected characteristics of age, disability. Applicants are assessed using a 10 point framework.

To apply for either of these funds, please arrange a [Support Surgery appointment](#).

Community Mental Health and Wellbeing Fund

The overarching aim of the Fund is to support grassroots, community based initiatives that promote and develop good mental health and wellbeing and/or mitigate and protect against the impact of distress and mental ill health within the adult population (aged 16 or over).

Before the fund opens in September, you can attend an online awareness session to find out more and ask any questions.

All awareness sessions start at 10am and the the dates for these are:

Friday 25th July

Friday 8th August

Friday 22nd August

Friday 5th September

Friday 19th September

Friday 17th October

Contact us on info@wdcvs.com or call 0141 941 0886

You can also book a slot by completing the linked [Form](#).

[**Managed Funds – West Dunbartonshire CVS**](#)

Community Action

Funding for communities in Scotland. We're looking for projects that will help people connect more with each other. We'll support projects that are open, inclusive and led by their community.

[**Community Action | The National Lottery Community Fund**](#)

Community Transport



West Dunbartonshire Community Transport have been providing health appointment transport for citizens of West Dunbartonshire from 1st April 2022 for citizens who cannot use public transport.

If you feel you or someone else can benefit from the service, the patient will need to register themselves and meet the following criteria:

- Patient is able to get in and out of a private car
- Patient cannot use public transport

For further information and bookings email wdctag@gmail.com or phone Alan on 07990 825754 to arrange an initial conversation.

Check out West Dunbartonshire Community Transport Action Group on Facebook here - <https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100064785753378>

Community Surgeries

This an opportunity to speak to a member of the West Dunbartonshire Council Communities Team regarding any matter concerning your community.		
Dalmuir Barclay Church	Last Friday of month	11am – 2pm
Centre 81, Whitecrook	First Wed of month	11am - 1.30pm
Concord Centre, Dumbarton	Second and last Friday of the month	10.30am – 1.30pm

Community Contacts

Dalmuir Barclay Church	DBC Community Pantry & Drop in Café Friday 11-2 / Thursday 18:30-20:00	dalmuirbarclayfoodpantry@gmail.com 07305 039910
West Dunbartonshire Community FoodShare	Clair Coyle wdcommunityfoodshare@outlook.com Monday - Friday 10 - 4	01389 764135
Old Kilpatrick Food Parcels	Maureen Cummings okfp.napier@gmail.com	01389 717792
West Dunbartonshire Food for Thought	admin@foodforthoughtwestdun.co.uk	01389 743908
Faifley Food Pantry	The White Church Tuesdays 10–12	---
Dumbarton Rock Recovery	Concord Centre, Dumbarton Friday 11.30-2pm	---
Hope Community Cafe and Food Bank	Hope Community Church 30 Shelley Drive Clydebank G81 3EL Friday 12 - 2pm	Craig Halkett M : 07745 393 649 E: info@Hopecommunity-church.co.uk

Got something to share ?

Contact YourCommunity@west-dunbarton.gov.uk



This document is also available in other languages, large print and audio format on request.

- Arabic** هذه الوثيقة متاحة أيضا بلغات أخرى والأحرف الطباعية الكبيرة وبطريقة سمعية عند الطلب.
- Hindi** अनुरोध पर यह दस्तावेज़ अन्य भाषाओं में, बड़े अक्षरों की छपाई और सुनने वाले माध्यम पर भी उपलब्ध है
- Punjabi** ਇਹ ਦਸਤਾਵੇਜ਼ ਹੋਰ ਭਾਸ਼ਾਵਾਂ ਵਿਚ, ਵੱਡੇ ਅੱਖਰਾਂ ਵਿਚ ਅਤੇ ਆਡੀਓ ਟੇਪ 'ਤੇ ਰਿਕਾਰਡ ਹੋਇਆ ਵੀ ਮੰਗ ਕੇ ਲਿਆ ਜਾ ਸਕਦਾ ਹੈ।
- Urdu** درخواست پر یہ دستاویز دیگر زبانوں میں، بڑے حروف کی چھپائی اور سننے والے ذرائع پر بھی میسر ہے۔
- Chinese (Cantonese)** 本文件也可應要求，製作成其他語文或特大字體版本，也可製作成錄音帶。
- Polish** Dokument ten jest na życzenie udostępniany także w innych wersjach językowych, w dużym druku lub w formacie audio.

British Sign Language

BSL users can contact us via [contactSCOTLAND-BSL](#), the on-line British Sign Language interpreting service.
Find out more on the [contactSCOTLAND](#) website

Call: 01389 737527

Letter: West Dunbartonshire Council, 16 Church St, Dumbarton, G82 1QL

Email: communications@west-dunbarton.gov.uk