



NEWSLETTER

8th May 2020

Lots happening again this week as we reached our 202nd call!!! Our team of call handlers & runners have been amazing in their support and commitment to helping others in the community. A huge well done to you all!

We wish **Anna Malcolm**, who has been with us these last 7 weeks, a fond farewell. It has been lovely working with and getting to you know Anna - thank you again for your support!

You know where we are if you find yourself with some spare time again lol.



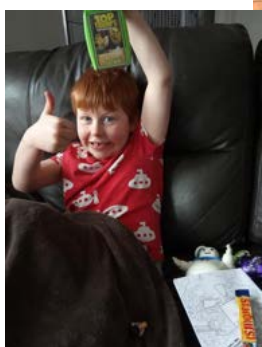
THE WEDNESDAY NIGHT THING

This week also saw our first ever **Kids Mini Disco**. - lots of fun was had by our younger community members

as **Allan Miller** (our resident DJ) kept them entertained. See our prize winners below for their fab dress up costumes, and of course for busting the best dance moves - well done guys!



A special mention to **Pamela Paterson** for her sharing her fab mum moves!



What's happening next week?

Tuesday 12th



Kids & Rainbow Club Launch

Wednesday 13th May
FAMILY QUIZ

THE WEDNESDAY NIGHT THING

Thursday 14th

New TikTok Challenge



Time Capsule Activity



Friday 15th

SPOTLIGHT

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MESSAGE FROM
OUR
CHAIR

Hi folks,

I just wanted to take a few minutes to give you a quick update on Blackwood and Kirkmuirhill Resilience Group (BKRG) and tell you a bit more about who we are and what our aims are. Many people will be familiar with the emergency response aspect of the group providing essential support to people within our community who are isolating or shielding due to COVID_19. It is fair to say that the response effort has now found its feet and running really well thanks to the team of call handlers and runners - without them none of this would be possible, so thank you! The next critical step for the group is to provide various activities to help people stay engaged, stay positive and keep peoples spirits up. If you follow us on Facebook you will be aware of the various projects and kids clubs that are running or in the process of being launched which you can read more about further down this page.

When the group started up one of the key messages to the committee was that a strong response will promote a strong recovery and we will achieve this by transitioning through community engagement and outreach activities. Over the coming weeks expect to see a lot of movement with community outreach which will become our foundation for community recovery.

Long term, the team are now looking at the future of the group and what the response effort may look like over the weeks and months ahead. As time goes on we can expect to see changes to the current lock down measures and as a group we want to ensure that we have the flexibility and adaptability to adjust to the changing climate.

Please stay tuned in to what the group are doing, either through the Facebook page, the BKRG group page, our website (www.bkrg.org) and through our weekly newsletter and events listings. If you know of anyone who is not online, please let us know and we can arrange for a printed copy. And as a final note, I want to say a massive thank you to everyone who has donated to the group and supported us with their time and services, this for sure is a community effort to a community need, thank you.

Thank you for your
continued support

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COMMUNITY OUTREACH

THE WEDNESDAY NIGHT THING



This Wednesday sees the return of our **FAMILY QUIZ**. So please join us at **7:30pm** for a fun filled night - and remember the funniest answer to the bonus Qs could win you one of our random prizes!

And of course you get your mugshot on here too - what's not to love about it, eh!

Please keep sending in your fantastic **'Messages of Hope'**! We are sharing these with our more vulnerable members of the community when we are making our deliveries so please continue to help us keep their spirits high with your superb drawings & messages!

We are loving your creativity!
Superb!



Time to get knitting!! Following an extremely successful drive for hats, Wishaw General Neonatal Unit are now in need of cardigans, booties & blankets for babies in their care. Colour, size or design doesn't matter - so novices to the seasoned knitter can get involved!

We have patterns & materials to help you get started & we can collect your finished items!



Thank you to everyone who has registered for our **Kids & Rainbow Club** so far. We are hoping to receive funding to get signs made up and placed around the village and for garden packs to help you get started on the Rainbow gardening challenge.

More information to follow on Tuesday so keep an eye out on our Facebook page and website (www.bkrg.org) when we will update you on the activities.





Once a month we will select a random **TikTok video** that has been shared or tagged to WIN Amazon vouchers!

This week (our 3rd week already, yikes!) we challenge you to recreate a photo from when you were younger - you can even get the whole family involved! **More info on facebook -Blackwood And Kirkmuirhill Resilience Group.** So get creative and sharing! **#BKRG20**



Can you help with our Community Time Capsule? Are you creative, experienced with videos, able to share your stories, memories, photos,. If so we'd love to hear from you.



We are delighted to have a team of people who have volunteered to give their time to having a 'virtual' **Cuppa & Chat** with those in our community who are feeling more vulnerable, shielding or isolating.

If you would like a call from one of our team or know someone who would please call us or drop us a message (**Facebook - Blackwood & Kirkmuirhill Resilience Group**)

This week BKRG would like to nominate **ALAN CROOKS** for his hard work, dedication and commitment to making our village litter free and for volunteering his time helping people around the village.

THANK YOU ALAN & TEAM!



Do you know someone that is making a difference in the community?

Each week in our **SPOTLIGHT ON THE COMMUNITY** piece we would like to acknowledge the great work that others are doing - and we would like you to nominate them! All you have to do is give us their name, a photo (with permission) and why you are nominating them.

