



This item will change*

The Castle Loch Walk has been a great success, attracting hundreds of walkers each month. It's free, it's a great way to get fit and healthy, to see fauna and flora in abundance and is a superb family walk. Two organised Walks will be taking place soon:- Sunday, April 15th Gala Walk; Sunday, May 13th-a Sponsored Walk run by the local Rotary Club..

Community trust meeting*
Report to follow meeting 27th

Litter 4th April*

Victory Park—current project*

Help is always needed

Pipe Band

There's a very successful Pipe Band in Lochmaben. They meet for practice on Thursday evenings at Lochmaben Primary School. Contact is Alan Hope via the band's Facebook page.

Local Services

The Town Hall now houses the Library and Customer Services in the Upper Hall, accessible by stair or lift.

Customer Services provided at the Library: Get Benefit Advice; Borrow books, audio books, e-books & DVDs; Get Free Wi-Fi access; Ask about Bin collections; Find out about local & family history; Enquire about Council Services; Use computers with free internet access.

Contact:-01387811865

liblochmaben@dumgal.gov.uk

Opening Times **Wednesday: 9.00 am-12 Noon** (9.30-10 am Book bug Session for 0-4 Year olds--Free Family event).

Thursday- 2.00 pm-5.00 pm

Saturday: 10.00 am-1.00 pm

The Lochmaben Centre. Full programme of indoor sporting and leisure activities. Aerobics, yoga, judo, circuit training, soft play for pre-school, children's party facilities in a party zone. Also wide variety of community activities such as Senior Citizens Christmas Party, bowling, football, badminton, concerts and even a wedding reception.

Stanedyke Crescent, Lochmaben Tel: 01387 810599

Bank Services

The Royal Bank of Scotland mobile banking service visits the Car Park at the Community Centre on Wednesday mornings 11.35am – 12.35pm

Post Office opening times

The Post Office is located at Pettigrew's shop on the High Street and is open as follows:-

Mon 2pm-3.45pm: Wed 10am-3.45pm: Fri 10am-3.45pm.

Keep it Local*



Working for Lochmaben and District

Initiative News- Spring 2018

There's lots to do in Lochmaben. At the Town Hall you'll find a number of leaflets which give details of what Lochmaben has to offer. Pick up a copy of the 'Town Trail' and learn about the town and its past. There are also details of 6 Walks you can do around the Burgh and a leaflet on the Castle Loch.

On the Website, there's a full programme of Activities at the Community Centre and also details of the many clubs operating in Lochmaben. You'll be made very welcome, so if you want to get involved, give the contact person a ring. You'll find contact telephone numbers on the Website.

If you prefer to be outdoors through the summer, how about getting fit at the same time? Join one of these clubs now.

Club	Contact
Bowling Club	Hazel Sloan 01387 811830
Tennis Club	Mary Park 01387 810627
Sailing Club	Bev Wilkinson 07762326711
Golf Club	Michael Dickie 01387 810713
Better4Walking	K Robertson 0770 4223564

If you are new to the town and are keen to meet people, why not go along to the **Lunch Club** or the **Friendship Group**?

Lochmaben Rocks a smash hit !

Local youngsters enjoyed decorating stones and pebbles recently. They and their families then had masses of fun playing hide and seek with the painted stones at the Loch and other routes in Lochmaben. Great entertainment for the kids!

Congratulations to three local up-and-coming stars.

Katie Reville from Templand came away from the Scottish Schools Championships with a silver medal in the u-18 200 metre final. She also merited a share in the 'Welcome to Langholm Future Champions Award Fund.'

Thomas Diggle's performances in shooting earned him a share from the same Fund.

There was recognition, too, for **Rebecca Coles**, as she received a Special Volunteer Award for the excellent work she has been doing in introducing children to sailing.



Congratulations,too, to the 2018 Gala Principals. Wishing them well in their year of office.

Last year's Miss Lochmaben, Mia Hobson, crowns her 2018 successor, Megan Kerr. Megan will be supported by Attendant Victoria Evans, Gala Princess Tori-Lee Pattullo, Flower Girl Carrie-Anne Wade and Prince Reuben Callander who is missing from the picture.

From the Webmaster

Many thanks for the great interest in Dr Jack Wilson's obituary. His family were delighted to hear of the positive reaction to it.

The website would welcome news of coming events such as copy of posters, reports of activities including photographs and any other items of news which might be of interest in the community. Any information should be sent through the "Contact Us" slot on the Home Page of lochmaben.org.uk.



Annandale Community Transport Services (ACTS) is offering a pilot door-to-door transport service for out of region hospital appointments for the price of an equivalent rail ticket. This affordable travel scheme is for appointments in Glasgow, Edinburgh, Carlisle and other hospitals not in Dumfries & Galloway. The service is driven by fully trained volunteers and is available for those who don't qualify for transport from the Ambulance Service. The pilot is funded by the new regionwide social transport partnership, Community Transport DG. For more information contact ACTS on **01576 203053**, email admin@actsbus.org.uk or visit their office at 72-74 High Street, Lockerbie.



High Street By-pass?

Our Community Council has been told that Dumfries & Galloway are to put pressure on the Scottish Government in Edinburgh for a long-term solution to the amount of traffic using the A709 through Lochmaben each day. Plans to divert traffic heading for the M74 are not new but we'll keep you posted!

Details of local Train and Bus timetables are all available locally.

*Church follow-up to meeting 17th march

***Contact the Lochmaben & District Initiative**

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