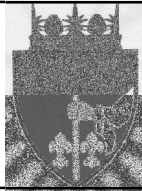
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Coupar Angus Regeneration Trust - 1 year on!

The 1st of May marks the end of the first year of Rachel's and my employment with CART. During this year it has been a steep learning curve for all involved including the Trustees Alan Grant, Crichton Lang, John Gregory and Harry Greig!! Regeneration can only be fully achieved when both physical and social considerations within the town are addressed and during this past year Rachel and I have been working on both.

Most notably CART has supported the application, submitted at the end of March, to the Heritage Lottery Fund for an £880,000 contribution towards the £2.1 million Townscape Heritage Initiative. This funding, if awarded in July, will be used for the restoration of architectural detail of buildings centred round the Cross.

Celebrating Coupar Angus's historic buildings also saw CART initiating the September 2005 Open Doors weekend at the Steeple and many thanks to the Heritage Association for manning the event and allowing 200 members of the public to access this historic and symbolic building of the town.

CART has created this publication, the Coupar Angus Bulletin, to address community concerns regarding communication throughout the town. Communication to a wider community might be better achieved through a website, but at this time, Rachel and I do not have the skills to create one; so I would appeal to anyone willing to do so to contact CART as this would help promote Coupar Angus to the wider community.

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May's dates for your diary	
Thurs 4th	Open meeting to discuss the construction of gateways into the town at the YWCA, 7pm
Fri 5th	Heritage Association AGM
Sat 6th	Daffodil Tea held by Kettins, Ardler Church Guild, Kettins Church Hall, 2 - 4 pm
Mon 8th	Plant Sale, including Books, Cake & Candy etc. at the YWCA 10 - 12
Mon 8th	Community Council meeting, Council Chambers, Town Hall 7.30pm
Mon 22nd	Public Meeting to display the results of the community questionnaire at the Town Hall, 7.30pm

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Regeneration of the community took a massive step forward with the Community Questionnaire planned, printed and distributed to 1200 households throughout the area in March; with massive support from community volunteers. This research process, undertaken in partnership with the YWCA and the Community Council, was a huge undertaking by the community and the required commitment to the project and the promotional Horse Fair was greatly appreciated.

The Horse Fair was a huge success and one that I hope the community will build on. I would also like to thank the 220 households who took the time to complete and return the questionnaire. This 18% return of the questionnaires is sufficient to represent the community and

take the project forward. By returning your forms the community have had an input into the future of the town and demonstrated your commitment to making Coupar Angus a better place to live.

A public meeting to advise the findings has been arranged for 22nd May at 7.30pm in the Town Hall.



I would like to thank everyone who has supported CART, Rachel and myself, most notably Ron Stephen, in the past year but would urge the community to build on these positive first steps and work together to make Coupar Angus a better place to live.

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Parks & Open Space Roadshow

You may have recently received a letter from the Environmental Services of Perth & Kinross Council regarding the development of a Parks & Open Space Strategy.

The hope is that the council will develop a long-term plan that will guide the future management of open space in Perth & Kinross, ensuring that all communities have good access to greenspace. Andrew Smith, Parks Development Officer said, "there will also be an audit of all the parks and open spaces, to assess their current quality and the needs they serve."

The views of members of the public will be essential in shaping the vision for the future and therefore there will be a roadshow taking place at Coupar

Angus Library between the 15th and 19th May, 2006. The roadshow will include a display on the strategy, map of the local greenspace, together with questionnaires for you to complete. In addition an officer from the Environmental Service will be in attendance between 2 - 4 pm on the 19th May should there be any key issues people wish to raise.

If you complete a questionnaire and tell the Council of your views you could win a 2 month Perth & Kinross Leisure Spectrum Family Membership voucher.

For further information please contact the Parks Department on 01738 476476 or see www.Perthshire.com.

Gateway Project for the Town

CART is holding a public meeting on the 4th May at 7pm in the Coupar Angus YWCA building which will include a presentation from Daryl McKeown of Perth & Kinross Council, Accident Investigation & Prevention Unit.

The role of the Accident Investigation & Prevention Unit, within the Traffic & Road Safety Group, is to co-ordinate the work of the various Council services and supporting agencies that make up the Road Safety Forum.

Currently being developed is an Urban Gateway Features Project; to help notify drivers of a change in the road environment at the entrance to a town, so acting as a speed-reducing measure.

Coupar Angus has been selected as a study area for this project as there are a number of high speed approaches to

the town; two of the approaches have a reduced (40mph) speed limit.

Signing and road markings along the A94 have recently been upgraded by the Council as part of an ongoing Route Action Plan. This action plan has concentrated on rural sections of a busy route where the incidence of road accidents and pedestrian casualties have been highest.

Coming along to the public meeting for the gateway project will allow you the opportunity to take part in reviewing and planning for new signs at the entrances to the town.

Anyone wishing to attend is openly invited or for further information please call Rona McKinnon at CART on 01828 628569.

Keep the Burn Clean!

Dumping waste is illegal and really dumb but still rubbish is regularly appearing in the Coupar Burn. A number of residents have asked us to make an appeal, to protect the wildlife in the burn and prevent flooding, by raising everyone's awareness of the area in the hope that together we can stop it being an eyesore.

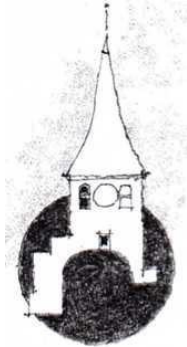
If you see anyone dumping rubbish illegally then you can call the Dumb Dumpers Stop Line on 0845 2 30 40 90. The call will be answered by a specially arranged call centre where the staff will assess the nature of the call

and if the incident is on going or is believed to be of a hazardous nature or actually in a waterway it will be passed to the Police and the Scottish Environment Protection Agency respectively.

If the incident is not urgent or of a non-hazardous nature it will be passed to the Local Authority for investigation.

Anyone with bulky items to dispose of can contact Perth & Kinross Council on 01738 475000 to arrange collection.

Lets all come together to improve the quality of the burn.



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Fundraising for the Bulletin

Back in November when our little bulletin first started we were awarded funding from the Scottish Community Foundation.

However the funding will only last till October, it costs around £50 a quarter to produce the bulletin, so we are looking for volunteers to help fundraise, to keep the bulletin going, at the two forthcoming Gala Days planned for Kettins, on the 4th June and Coupar Angus, on the 25th June.

If you can help please contact us at the CART office on 628569 or email

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A successful response to access 'In Bloom' funding

If you would like to receive the Bulletin electronically please email CART at the address below to register.
CARtrust@
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A huge thank you to those who responded to the posters around the town and to recent articles in the Courier and the Blairgowrie Advertiser asking for a new Coupar Angus in bloom group to be formed.

To date 6 volunteers have contacted us and are coming along to a meeting on Wednesday 3rd May, 2006 at the CART office, 7pm. If you are interested and didn't manage to give us a ring, there is still time!

Thanks to those who handed in their completed copies of the Coupar Angus Street Names Quiz, for sale at the Horse Fair.

Sorry there was no prize for the correct entries - it was just for fun! The sale of the Quiz did raise a final amount of £78.55, which has been banked to help funds future Community Events such as the Horse Fair.

How far does yours go?

Do you pass on your copy of the Bulletin to any friends or relatives?

One copy of last months bulletin actually went to Huntly!

Remember the YWCA Plant Sale on Monday 8th May, 10 - 12 to raise funds for their garden.