

The Loop Newsletter

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For Action

Important messages that require action

Help us get our new council website ready to go live

Our new council website will be going live on Wednesday 8 May 2024 and we need all information owners to review their sections before this date.

The new website will provide a better user experience with improved functionality and key designed sections. We have worked with the Royal National Institute for the Blind to help develop an accessible site that complies with accessibility legislation for public sector bodies meaning it can be accessed by as many people as possible. The site is also fully responsive, providing a better user experience across mobile devices.

Our new homepage features separate sections for residents and businesses to help them find the right information quickly and easily. This improved design works alongside a powerful website search function to provide search results more efficiently.

Action

In preparation for the switch over we now need all owners of existing web pages to review their content on the current 'work in progress' website and make sure that it is accurate and up to date before it is published on the live site.

All pages and online forms from the old website have been copied over to this new 'work in progress' website. If there is information on the council website about a service that you or your team provide, please review the new 'work in progress' website and make sure the information has been copied over correctly and is still accurate.

View the 'work in progress site' [here](#).

Changes

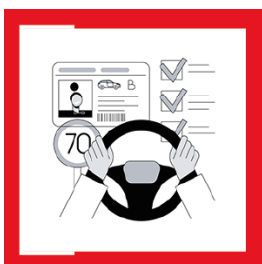
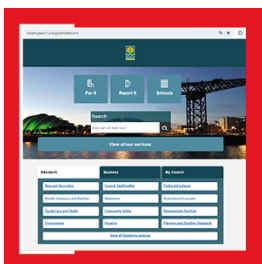
If you need to make changes to your content before the new website is published and made live please contact [Victoria Kelly](#) or [Manju Marwaha](#) to get this updated as soon as possible and before Wednesday 8 May 2024.

Driver CPC Attendance Reminder

Drivers in scope to obtain their 35 hours of periodic training have until September 2024 to complete it. To check your Driver CPC training record please visit the Driver and [Vehicle Standards Agency website](#).

If a driver is caught driving without their Driver Qualification Card, both driver and operator face fines of up to £1000. The driver will also be suspended from driving commercially until training is complete and this may result in a reduction in the driving workforce and operations adversely affected.

Managers and Supervisors are working with drivers to ensure that all staff have completed the required training ahead of September 2024. If you require any further information, please speak to your line manager.





Reception Closures at Exchange House

Exchange House Reception will be subject to unavoidable closures happening on a regular basis. Dates and alternative arrangements in force will be displayed prominently at the Reception area. Staff are reminded that should they be expecting any visitors they should make arrangements to meet and escort them through the building.

The above information is subject to change. Apologies for any inconvenience caused during this time.



Managers' Briefings

The following Managers' Briefings have been issued in the last fortnight. A full list of past briefings is available on the intranet using the button on the left.

- New System for booking vehicles into Jessie Street Transport Depot

For Information

Service News and Corporate Updates that might affect you

Family Friendly Cycling Event Builds On Legacy of The UCI Championships



Details were announced this week of a new family friendly, free event which offers cyclists of all ages and any level of ability an opportunity to enjoy a ride on traffic free roads through the heart of Glasgow.

Taking place on Sunday 9 June 2024 from 10am to 4pm, the Ford RideGlasgow FreeCycle will cover a four mile city centre route. Participants can do as many laps as they wish, hop on and off their bikes wherever and whenever they choose, and enjoy fun activities at festival zones in George Square and Glasgow Green.

Organisers London City Marathon Events are staging the inaugural event following the huge success of Glasgow hosting the UCI Cycling World Championships which highlighted Glasgow's commitment to be a bike friendly city and helped build a lasting legacy that has inspired so many to make cycling part of their lives.

Details on the Ford RideGlasgow FreeCycle are available [online](#).

Firework Control Zones



Information on Firework Control Zones (FCZs) is now available to view on the council's website.

FCZs will be enforced by Police Scotland and the council will oversee the process of designating zones in Glasgow in partnership with the Police and Scottish Fire and Rescue.

They are among a suite of measures which can be used to tackle firework related issues.

Consideration of a community request for a FCZ will include analysis of evidence relating to the proposed location, including if the request is proportionate and enforceable.

The deadline for applications relating to November this year is 12 June 2024 and full details of the application process can be viewed on our [website](#).

Licensees Compete to Be Best Bar None in Glasgow

Anticipation is brewing as Glasgow's pubs, clubs and specialist entertainment venues get set for the city's Best Bar None (BBN) awards.

Licensees are urged to show their competitive spirit and see if they have what it takes to become the toast of the town by earning Gold, Silver or Bronze accolades. New entrants in particular are invited to give it a shot!



The Venue, Strathclyde University's Student Union, hosted the registration event in Richmond Street on Wednesday 24 April 2024. Speakers included Lise Fisher of Glasgow City Council, which runs BBN Glasgow, and BBN Scotland Development Officer, Mark Armstrong.

The BBN Glasgow awards recognise good practice and innovation amongst the city's licensed trade. Venues will be inspected by an independent assessor. They will be judged on their efforts around the Prevention of Crime and Disorder, Securing Public Safety, Prevention of Public Nuisance, Promotion of Public Health and the Protection of Children from Harm.

The results will be unveiled at a glitzy presentation ceremony later this year and premises which win the Overall Gold awards in each category, will go on to compete in the national awards.

Best Bar None Glasgow has been running since 2005 and is delivered on behalf of Glasgow's Alcohol and Drugs Partnership (ADP) in partnership with Glasgow City Council, Retailers Against Crime, Police Scotland and the Licensed Trade.

Members of BBN Glasgow benefit from regular training on topics such as stewarding, crime scene preservation, drug awareness, responsible drinking and recognising / protecting vulnerable people.

Licensees who are unable to attend the 2024 registration launch, can also apply [online](#).

Sauchiehall Street: Culture and Heritage District Project Secures Lottery Support

A project set up to ensure culture and heritage are at the heart of the regeneration of Glasgow's Sauchiehall Street has secured a significant grant to help achieve its vision.

Glasgow Life has been awarded £350,000 by The National Lottery Heritage Fund to support the development of the Sauchiehall Street: Culture and Heritage District plan that will set out the role of culture and heritage in the regeneration of the street.

In October 2023, Glasgow was one of nine locations chosen to receive support over the next 10 years as part of the Heritage Fund's new UK wide Heritage Places programme, which is designed to boost local economies and instil pride in place in towns and cities across the country.



Glasgow Life, Glasgow City Council, the Heritage Fund and local stakeholders including Glasgow Building Preservation Trust, the University of Glasgow, Glasgow Film Theatre and the Royal Conservatoire of Scotland are working together with a collective aim to use culture and heritage to drive the economic and social renewal of Sauchiehall Street. The street is famed for its international association with culture, music, film, heritage and entertainment.

Like other city centre streets throughout the UK, it has faced challenges in recent years. Strategies such as Glasgow City Council's '[Golden Z Report](#)' have highlighted these issues, calling for a new solution, and the Sauchiehall Street: Culture and Heritage District project will ensure that culture and heritage are an integral part of the answer.

The Sauchiehall Street: Culture and Heritage District is both a new approach and an opportunity for this vital part of Glasgow's city centre.

The £350,000 funded development phase of the project will run from April 2024 to October 2025, laying the foundations for culture and heritage to be at the heart of the renewal of Sauchiehall Street.

In recognition of the history of the area, a dedicated project team will work with the people who live in, work on and visit Sauchiehall Street to ensure its future acknowledges its proud past by drawing on its strong cultural associations, from dance and music to film and theatre. The project team will work to boost footfall in the area and influence wider policy and infrastructure developments on the street.

The first phase of the work will form the basis for a further funding application to the Heritage Fund.

Air Quality milestone reached in City's West End

Sustained reductions in air pollution on two major west end roads means their status as an Air Quality Management Area (AQMA) can now be revoked.

Following the declaration of an AQMA in 2007 for Byres Road and Dumbarton Road due to the air quality objectives not being met, the council implemented an Air Quality Action Plan to bring down levels of harmful nitrogen dioxide and particulate matter.

The conclusion to revoke the AQMA has been made in Glasgow's last two Annual Progress Reports on Air Quality findings which were independently agreed by the Scottish Government and the Scottish Environment Protection Agency (SEPA).

This positive development has come about following a decrease in nitrogen dioxide levels on the two routes which has led to the air quality objectives being met every year since 2017. Since 2018, all monitoring has recorded levels at more than 10% below the objective.

Meeting the statutory requirements for three years in a row would usually be the benchmark for revocation, however uncertainty due to falling pollution levels during the pandemic meant an extended period of compliance was recorded before being certain that the AQMA was no longer required.

The move to revoke follows progress in 2021 where consistent reductions in particulate matter levels at the two locations resulted in the AQMA being amended to reflect this.

As part of the Local Air Quality Management process, where an exceedance in the air quality objectives is considered likely, local authorities must declare an AQMA and prepare an Air Quality Action Plan setting out the measures it intends to put in place to meet the objectives.

The AQMA to be revoked covers an area from the junction of Byres Road and Great Western Road south to Dumbarton Road and west along Dumbarton Road to Thornwood Drive. Additional monitoring led to the AQMA being extended north along Queen Margaret Drive to its junction with Oban Drive in 2012.

Following an update to the [Net Zero and Climate Monitoring Committee](#), the Byres Road/ Dumbarton Road AQMA Revocation Report will be referred to the City Administration Committee for formal approval.

Whilst the revocation of the AQMA would formally reflect that national air quality objectives are now consistently being met, air pollution levels in the area will continue to be monitored.



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Families for Children

Could you help to support families in Glasgow by inviting a child to your home?

If you have a spare bedroom and want to help children and young people then we would love to hear from you.

Families for Children is seeking foster carers for children who cannot remain at home and short breaks carers support children for short periods, such as one or two evenings per week or a weekend once a month.

Cathy Coll, Service Manager, said: "Many of our short break carers work full time and really enjoy providing a weekend or a few nights a month knowing that they are making a real difference."

Please raise vital awareness and encourage your friends and family to find out more on our [website](#).

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People**

**Supporting your health and
wellbeing and wellness at
work as well as learning and
personal development**



Meet Your Colleagues

Life in Pollok Country Park, Melissa Curran, Assistant (Livestock) Supervisor

My work day starts at 8am. The first job is to check and feed all the cattle starting with those in the pens. Our sheds are full to the brim so there are lots of pens to be cleaned and refreshed daily. After I have checked and made sure all are accounted for and looking content, I like to muck out and bed the pens while my colleague puts out hay.

At this time of the year we are still feeding all the cattle with hay and we are calving, so most of our time is taken up with that. We are also getting ready for show season so we have those inside to be fed, halter trained, washed and combed. We also do a number of talks during the year and we can spend a lot of time talking to the public, who have a huge interest in the Highland Cattle.

Right now, we have 28 cows and followers, taking our total up to 73 at present. Highland Cattle are known for being low maintenance and needing very little assistance during calving season but as we have ours in a country park which has thousands of visitors every month it is paramount for us to be very hands on with the cattle. As they spend the majority of their lives outside it is important they have access to everything they need and it is our job to ensure they get it.

Working at the park has given me the opportunity to meet some amazing people and do things I never thought possible for a girl from the northside of Glasgow. This will be my fourteenth year here and I've never looked back. I started with Glasgow City Council at Pollok Country Park in 2010 on a get ready for work programme. It was quite the adjustment to get used to working with such big animals with big horns, but I loved the challenge.

My job is so unusual, which is great. Not only do I have the joy of working with one of the best known breeds of cattle in the world but I also get to interact and educate the public at the same time. One minute you could be watching a cow calve, the next you could be taking a school group around and telling them all about the process.

Looking after livestock is not a job, but a lifestyle and unfortunately you have little time to relax or switch off. When I get home and have the chance, I love to zone out with the TV on in the background and let my brain just chill.



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Vacancies within NRS

The following job vacancies within NRS have been added to myjobscotland. If you are interested use the button to the left to go through to the job adverts.

- GLA11787 - CCTV Systems Engineer
- GLA11798 - LES Operative 2 (Monday – Friday)
- GLA11785 - Sales Advisor (Re-advertisement)
- GLA11803 - Risk, Performance and Audit Officer
- GLA11808 - Technician (Parking) (Re-advertisement)
- GLA11807 - Team Leader (Environmental Health)
- GLA11791 - Coachbuilder (2 shift)
- GLA11809 - Training Development Officer
- GLA11799 - LES Operative 4 (Nightshift)
- GLA11824 - Technical Manager
- GLA11827 - Natural Environment Officer (Food Growing)
- GLA11829 - Assistant Supervisor (Machine Surfacing)
- GLA11828 - Natural Environment Officer (Community Engagement)

**General
Interest**

**What other teams do and events
and activities that you can join**

Kiltwalk



Following last year's successful fundraising, John Foster (NRS City Centre Regeneration) will again be taking part in this year's Glasgow Kiltwalk on Sunday 28 April to raise funds for Street Change Glasgow, an initiative managed by Simon Community Scotland as part of GCC's Begging Strategy which helps combat the causes and effects of begging, rough sleeping, and homelessness.

John will be participating in the Mighty Stride, a 23 mile journey starting in Glasgow Green and finishing in Balloch, Loch Lomond. Anyone wishing to donate and support this initiative can do so via the project's [Just Giving page](#):

Further information about [Street Change Glasgow](#), and the [Glasgow Begging Strategy](#) within the links.

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If you have any information you would like to share through this fortnightly email, please click here to contact the NRS Promotions and Engagement Team

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