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The committee and staff of Abertay Housing Association wish their tenants a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year

CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR
OPENING TIMES:

Close Friday 21st
December at 1pm.

Re-open Thursday 27th
December at 10.00am.

Close Friday 28th
December at 2pm.

Re-open Thursday 3rd
January 2019 at 10.00am.

Chief Executive Leaving

Abertay's Chief Executive, Ian Thomson, has given notice that he will be retiring around the end of March 2019. As a result, the Management Committee have appointed an external consultant to carry out a review of the options available to Abertay, and any recruitment of a new Chief Executive will follow the outcome of this review.

Ian joined Abertay in 2004 and was appointed as Chief Executive in 2008. He has led the staff team during this 10 year period which has seen Abertay substantially increase its standards of service delivery. The next Newsletter will provide an update regarding the appointment of any successor and in the meantime it is business as usual for the staff team.

If you have an emergency repair when the office is closed please phone Abertay on 01382 903545 and listen to the recorded message.

You can then choose the option for transferring your call to our Contractors.





Paying your rent over the festive period

Obviously at this time of year everybody feels the excitement of the festive season creeping up on us and the priorities that lie ahead. However we must remind you that you should continue to pay your rent as you would normally do.

If you are having difficulty paying your rent please contact Cat or Alison in the Rent Team as soon as possible so that we can help you. Our Welfare Team, Richard, Justin and Clare can assist with benefits issues, Universal Credit claims and accessing emergency provisions such as the Foodbank. We can also make referrals to other agencies that offer free advice on how to manage your budget. For further information or advice please call us on **01382 903545**

New Developments

NEW ROAD

Abertay were please to mark the official opening of its first new build development in around 10 years at New Road in Forfar. Here we have built 14 one-bedroom apartments located close to the centre of town. The development has been built to specifically cater for those of us of a certain age! The over 50's.

FINAVON STREET

We have our first 28 out of 56 properties handed over to us so far. These 28 homes have been let through a local letting initiative and all have new tenants in them already enjoying their new homes. The works are on-going and we expect the entire project to be completed late February.

Planned Maintenance Works

External Fabric Works

Abertay have a new External Fabric Works contractor for 2018-2021. Andrew Shepherd Construction based in Forfar are carrying out various roof, window, door and balcony railing replacements for Abertay. They are currently working in Finlow Terrace and Fintryside.

Cyclical Works

Bell Group are our appointed planned painter works contractor and will be returning to Finlow Terrace in January to complete the internal works to the closes.



Top Tips to Stay Warm and Still Save Heating Costs This Winter

1. Stop Using The ON/OFF Switch

It uses up more energy by having to restart itself all the time. It's not good for the system either.

2. Use The Programmer / Timer

A programmable thermostat lets you set temperatures for different times of day so your home is toasty warm when you want it and cooler when you are away or sleeping.

Changing a thermostat, can save between 10% & 20% on your bill.

3. Turn Down The Thermostat

Sounds like an obvious tip. You'll not really notice much change in comfort to go from 22°C down to 20°C but will notice up to 10% off your bill.

4. Radiator Controls

Each radiator has its own control which controls the heat in each room. In winter don't close off any radiator valves fully as they allow the entire system to work more efficiently. Keeping a radiator on its lowest setting, even in spare rooms is beneficial in the long run.

5. Curtain Call

Think of thick curtains as a sweater for the home! Buy thermal lined curtains if you can or line existing curtains. Let the sun in – it's free heat! Keep curtains and blinds open during the day. Close them at dusk to keep the heat in & the cold out.

6. Forget Fashion – Warm Clothes Rule

Before you go for the thermostat, cuddle up in a warm sweater, put on some cosy socks & slippers. You'll be as snug as a bug in a rug. Your fuel costs are frozen not you!

7. Cover Floors

Rugs and carpets may seem like less stylish than laminate but they have a much more practical energy saving function – they are insulators. Bare floors can account for as much as 10% of heat loss, not to mention how it feels to have cold feet. A pair of warm & fuzzy slippers helps too!

Rent Review Consultation

Our Committee has agreed that we should consult with you on a proposed rent increase for 2019/20. You will shortly be receiving a rent consultation letter from us asking for your views on this proposal. Please take the time to review the consultation information and let us know what you think. Your name will be entered into a free prize draw for a £50 voucher of your choice.



Abertay plan to install more smoke alarms in our properties

By 2020 all homes in Scotland will be required to have a minimum number of smoke alarms under changes being made in the wake of the Grenfell Tower blaze. As a result, as well as recognizing the benefits of improved fire safety for our tenants, Abertay want to comply ahead of the new standard becoming mandatory in 2020.

Therefore, all tenants should expect to be contacted by us over the next 2 years so that we can arrange for this work to be done.

Energy Advice Project

The nights are getting colder and darker as winter has finally arrived. If you think you are spending too much on your Energy bills, Abertay's Energy Advisor Justin, is on hand to find the best deals for you and provide heating demonstrations to use your heating systems effectively.

If you are on a low income and struggling to heat your home, you may be entitled to a credit of £140 from the Warm Home Discount scheme. To check if you're entitled to the £140 Warm Home Discount, please get in touch with Justin as soon as possible, as the scheme is due to close at the end of January 2019.

If you need any help with energy costs, switching suppliers, fuel supplier problems, arrears or benefit checks please get in touch with Justin on 01382 903545.



Case Study

Mrs W contacted Abertay to see if she would be entitled to the £140 Warm Home Discount as she was on a low income. According to her circumstances she did not qualify for a warm home discount, however following a benefit check by Justin, our Energy Adviser it was found that she was entitled to Pension Credits, and was then entitled to apply for the £140 Warm Home Discount.

Mrs W is now receiving extra help from Pension Credits and she will receive a credit of £140 on her Electricity account from the Warm Home Discount Scheme.

Are you struggling to manage your Universal Credit account online?



Did you know, we have our very own dedicated Digital Participation Officer who can support you with any online issues you may be experiencing with your UC account?

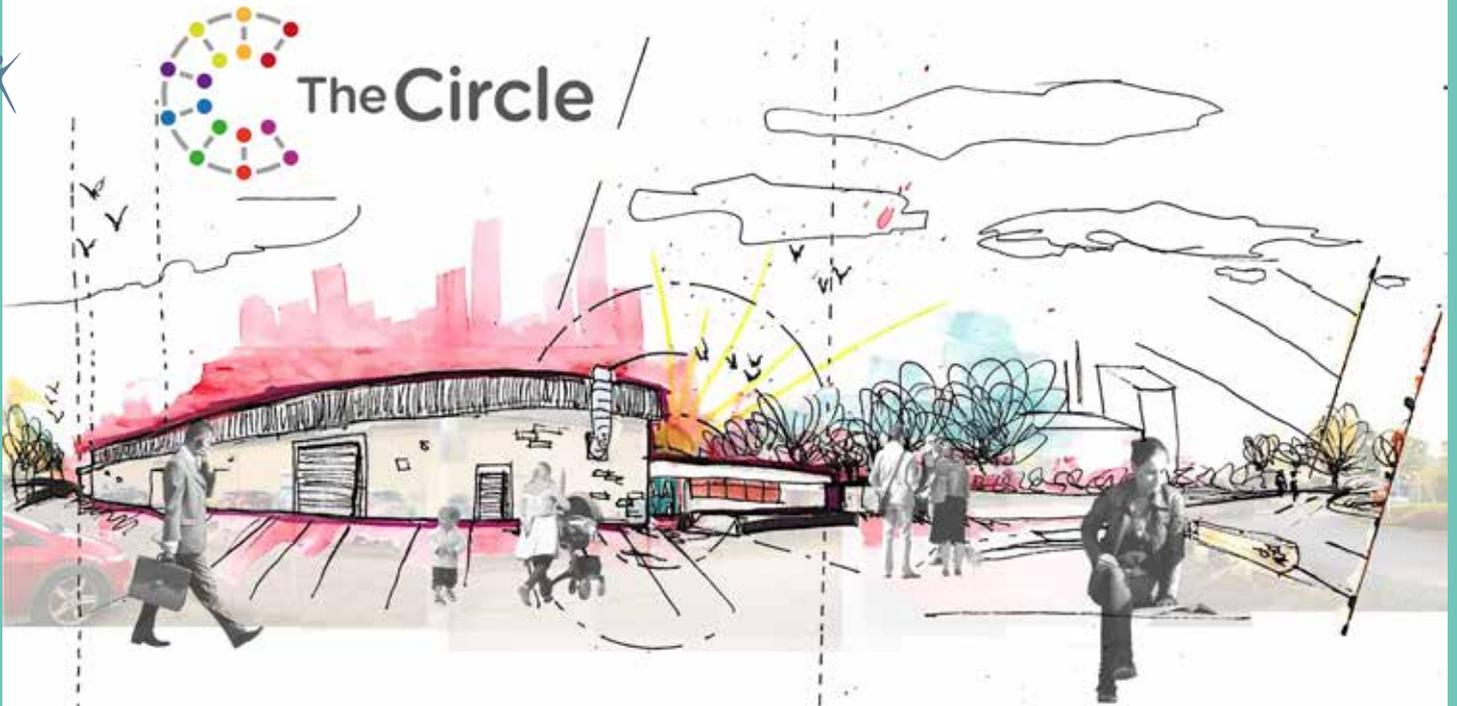
To date we have helped numerous people feel more confident accessing their Universal Credit account.

Case Study – Ms C from Fintry

A tenant who had recently lost their job, contacted the office as they were unsure what help was available. They were entitled to claim Universal Credit. We helped them set up the UC claim, showed them how to update their claim online and arranged their first appointment with their work coach. A condition of the UC commitments was to upload a CV which we created and updated as well as showing some useful online job search sites. We worked closely with the tenant for several weeks, job searching and preparing for job interviews. The tenant was successful in securing employment, however, it was necessary to fund her own uniform and PVG check. We were then able to provide further help by applying for funding which covered the cost of this.



The Circle



The Circle – a community facility for Dundee

The Circle, a community hub in Ardler, is finishing a busy 2018 on a high, winning The Courier's Social Impact Business of the Year.

The Circle provides affordable space to charities, social enterprises, socially-aware businesses and community groups. They also have meeting rooms available for hire.

This year they have secured their final tenant and the building is now at capacity with 17 tenants. Many of the tenants you might have heard of as they work hard to provide services to people in Dundee.

- **The Food Train** have a team of volunteers who deliver groceries to people who find it hard to get out and about.
- **Togs** run a clothing bank for families. They accept donations on Tuesday,

Wednesday and Thursday morning.

- **Uppertunity** provide classes for people looking to learn craft, cooking, gardening and life skills in a sociable environment.
- **Barnardos Works** helps young people get ready for training or employment.
- **Better: Gen** offer exercise opportunities for all. You can also come along to their choir which is held every Tuesday from 1.30-3pm for £2.50.
- **Slimming World** meet on Wednesday evenings and Thursday mornings.
- **BeeFit** is a fitness class for mums and babies on a Monday morning.

The Circle is also home to Apex Scotland, Dundee Independent Advocacy Support, Fields in

Trust, Partners in Advocacy, Action on Hearing Loss, Coats and Quilts, Cornerstone and Rathbone. They are also used for regular yoga and Makaton classes.

The Circle give tours to the public at 3pm every Wednesday. Go along to see the facilities for yourself.

Follow The Circle on Facebook to find out about all the latest news and events - www.facebook.com/thecircledundee

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Prize Draw for Direct Debit Payers

All tenants who pay their rent by direct debit are entered into a free prize draw which is held every six months.

The latest lucky winner of a £50 voucher was Mr and Mrs Fordyce from Fintry.



If you are interested in paying your rent by Direct Debit, please contact the

Customer Service Team
Tel No. 01382 903545

How did we do?

We are working hard to improve our services to you and provide value for money. We thought you would like to have a look at how we performed from April 2018 – September 2018 compared to the previous year.

Performance update	Target	Previous year	To 30/09/18	Target achieved?
Number of emergency repairs		715	313	😊
Emergency repairs completed on time	4 hours	2.0 hours	1.8 hours	😊
Average length of time taken to complete non-emergency repairs	6 working days	5.9 days	6.3 days	😞
Satisfaction with the repairs service.	95%	99.5%	99.1%	😊
Value for money				
Gross rent arrears as at end of September as a percentage of rent due for the year.	<4%	2.3%	2.9%	😊
Average length of time taken to re-let properties	<21 days	17.2 days	14.6 days	😊
Percentage of tenants satisfied with the standard of their home when moving in	95%	95.9%	97.9%	😊

Number of evictions for arrears	4	😞
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Number of evictions for anti-social behaviour	3	😞
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Our performance in comparison to other social landlords in Scotland in 2017/18 can be viewed in our Annual Report which was posted out to you in November 2018. A copy of the report is available on our website and in our reception area, Main office, 147 Fintry Drive.

Abertay has a rent and welfare advice team, which offers advice and assistance to those who fall into arrears. Eviction is always our last resort; however there are occasions when we have had to evict tenants who have failed to engage with us. This could be when they get into difficulties or they fail to keep to suitable payment agreements. Tenants who do not pay their rent mean that we have less to spend on improvements and services.

We are committed to ensuring tenants can enjoy a quiet and peaceful life in their home. We do not tolerate tenants being abused or subjected to noise, nuisance and other anti-social behaviour. This has led to Abertay having to take legal action against a small number of tenants, with three being evicted for their anti-social behaviour in the last year.

Complaints & Compliments

Between 1st April 2018 and 30th September 2018 the Association received 100 - 1st stage complaints and 3 - 2nd stage complaints. These related to a variety of issues. Abertay records any expressions of dissatisfaction and we use these to improve our processes or procedures in the future.

Complaints	Dealt with within	Target	Within timescale	Previous year	
Stage 1 complaint	5 days	95%	96.0%	87.7%	😊
Stage 2 complaint	20 days	100%	100%	100%	😊

Here are some of the compliments you gave us:

Abertay were successful in receiving Aspiring Communities funding last year. This is money from the Scottish Government supported by the European Social Fund. The award has enabled us to employ Justin and Clare. They are providing a great deal of help and support to tenants in relation to saving money on heating and providing digital assistance, particularly for those moving onto Universal Credit. Here are a few of the compliments you gave us:

"Justin is very well mannered and competent. He explained everything, using language that was easily understood. It was a pleasure to have him in my home."

"Abertay have helped with job searches and accessing other assistance which has saved me going to other Job Shops outwith the area"



Retirement Housing News

Caldrum Street

Police Scotland hosted a Bluebell Tea Party including a delicious buffet in the complex in July.

This was a very well attended event and thoroughly enjoyed by all; they said they had a fantastic afternoon singing and dancing and being looked after by representatives of Police Scotland and the Community Wardens. Tenants were delighted to present Police Scotland with the trauma teddies they had made at the weekly craft class. Tenants also enjoyed a joint trip with other complexes to the Royal British Legion in Arbroath in July. Everyone who attended enjoyed the high tea and entertainment provided and it was also a chance to catch up with tenants from other complexes.

In August a Fish Supper Night was held in the complex with entertainment from Lynne McTaggart. This is always well attended and everyone enjoyed the fish and chips.

The entertainment continued in September with tenants and guests travelling to the Caird Hall to see Starz In Thir Ehz where one of Caldrum Streets tenants was appearing on stage. Everyone had a good laugh and thought the performance was fantastic.

October saw the annual Halloween Party in the complex with the usual games of dooking for apples and fancy dress competition with prizes for best outfit. A buffet and entertainment was provided. A fun night was had by all.

The 21st Anniversary celebrations took place in November with tenants and guests enjoying a fun-filled event. Prizes and refreshments were provided.

Daytime activities in the complex included weekly bingo sessions, tea and toast morning, games, arts and crafts class and beauty therapy sessions.



UPCOMING EVENTS

Friday 7th December

Christmas Party in the taxi club with three course meal and entertainment.

Monday 17th December

Children from the local nursery carol singing with buffet lunch.

Monday 31st December

Hogmany Party in the complex



Dura Street

Dura Street held a Coffee Morning in the complex in June; tenants who attended enjoyed a chat along with tea/coffee & cakes. There was also a trip organised to Brechin Castle Centre followed by lunch at the Bellrock Arbroath. It was a lovely sunny day so all who attended agreed it was a fantastic day.

July was quiet but in August the tenants enjoyed a bus trip to Scone Castle; and despite the weather being unkind it did not dampen the spirits of those who enjoyed the grounds around the castle along with a tour inside. The day finished off with High Tea at the Birkhill Inn.

Tenants hosted a Macmillan Coffee Morning in the complex in September with friends & family donating a selection of home baking and bought cakes to this wonderful cause. An impressive £120 was raised by all who attended. There was also cause for celebration when tenants from Dura Street were selected as prize winners in the Annual Garden Competition.

There was a party in the complex in November with tenants celebrating Abertay's 21st Anniversary with a buffet, balloons and a celebration cake. Tenants enjoyed the afternoon get-together with a sing-along, a good blether and even better laugh.



UPCOMING EVENTS

December

Dura Street will hold their Christmas Party in the Dee Club enjoying a 3-course Christmas meal followed by live music entertainment.

There will also be a Christmas Carol party with raffle, attended by Mr & Mrs Claus, and we are delighted we will be joined again this year with children from the local primary school. A buffet will also be supplied.



Dryburgh Gardens

Dryburgh held a summer garden party in August. The event was well attended with entertainment provided by Lynne McTaggart. The tenants and guests enjoyed a lovely buffet lunch and a singalong.

September 17th heralded the annual Harvest Lunch; this event was well attended, and a lovely lunch was prepared in the complex that tenants and guests enjoyed.

In October Dryburgh Gardens Celebrated Abertays 21st Birthday and held a tea party in the complex with entertainment from Jay. The event was well attended and thoroughly enjoyed by all. Tenants also held a Coffee Morning in aid of Alzheimer's Scotland. This was another successful event raising an impressive £170.00. The month ended with a Halloween Lunch with tenants and guests enjoying a very successful event with good attendance.

On 1st December, Dryburgh held their Christmas Fayre, where a total of £745.50 was raised. This money went to the Dryburgh comfort fund to cover costs for a Christmas Party for tenants and guests at the Fairmuir Club which was held on 14th December.



Fintry Mains

In June Tenants thoroughly enjoyed a Pie and Bean night in the complex followed by a quiz.

July was a relatively quiet month however tenants held a Bingo Night which is always popular whilst some other tenants went to Club 83 where they enjoyed a charity Cabaret Show. Fun was had by who attended.

Fintry Mains tenants joined other complexes for a visit to the Arbroath British Legion. They really enjoyed the entertainment by Roadrunner and said they had a great night.

There were two events in September with tenants enjoying a Bingo Night as well as a Firsh Supper Night which was followed by entertainment by Rab Clark. Both events were well attended.

Tenants enjoyed a Halloween Party with buffet followed by entertainment by Jay.

The tenants celebrated Abertay's 21st Anniversary with a party night. They enjoyed Fish Suppers and entertainment by John McLauchlan with everyone who attended saying they had a great night. There was also a St Andrews Event on Friday 30th November with a buffet and entertainment by Rab Clark.

UPCOMING EVENTS December 2018 Fintry Mains are having their Christmas Party in the complex with a meal from Jacques Catering and entertainment by Jay and a visit from Santa

Christmas Cake

Prep: 15min

Cook: 3hr

Ready in: 3hr15min



- 1kg mixed fruit
- 125ml brandy
- 1 granny smith apple, peeled and grated
- 1 tablespoon golden syrup or honey
- 155g dark brown soft sugar
- 250g butter, melted
- 4 large eggs, beaten
- 190g plain flour
- 1 teaspoon mixed spice
- 1/2 teaspoon cinnamon
- whole almonds, for decoration

Gordon Street

The annual Summer Party was held in the complex in July with a Strawberry Tea which was, as always, thoroughly enjoyed and well attended.

In August a bus trip was organised to Stirling and, despite the late start, this was good day out with a tasty High Tea at the Inchtute Hotel on the way home.

A social evening event was held in the complex lounge in September with a most enjoyable Supper from the local Bridge Chipper followed by a game of Beetle.

In October a five day Shamrock Spectacular coach trip to Ireland took place. Tenants and guests enjoyed various excursions to Newport, Bangor, Erris & Ballycastle, Sligo Town and Galway whilst they were there. During the month Gordon Street residents celebrated Abertay's 21st Anniversary in the complex lounge with an afternoon tea and live music. It was a real party atmosphere with music & dancing as well as a very tasty decorated cake which had been made by of the tenants' family.

A visit to the Kingsway College training restaurant took place in November with tenants thoroughly enjoying a delicious lunchtime meal.



PLANNED FUTURE EVENTS In December there will be a Christmas Prize draw with Pie and Beans, a Christmas meal, with live entertainment by Lynne McTaggart, and a visit to West Park for more Christmas festivities for their "Young At Heart" Christmas Party. The New Year Party celebrations in the complex lounge are also being organised to include a buffet and live music.

1. Preheat oven to 160 degrees C.
2. Place fruit in a bowl with brandy, apple, brown sugar and honey. Add beaten eggs. Stir together then add cooled melted butter. Stir and lastly mix through flour and spices. Pour into a deep 20 or 23cm (8 or 9 in) round cake tin lined with three sheets of parchment coming 5cm above the rim. Decorate with almonds.
3. Bake for 2½ to 3 hours. Brush with two tbsp of brandy or other spirit while still warm. Cover with foil lightly and leave to cool. Wrap in foil. This cake will keep for up to six months in the refrigerator.

Patons Lane

The summer bus trip was held in July and tenants went to St Andrews followed by a High Tea at the Queens Hotel. It was deemed a great success with all tenants saying it was a fantastic day; helped also by the sunshine.

The events continued into August with a fish supper tea followed by a Quiz and Bingo and it was agreed by everyone who attended that it was a really good laugh!!! The winners of the quiz were presented with a cup and medals. The fun continued during the month with one of the tenants celebrating their 80th birthday with a party taking place in the Complex. This was enjoyed by all who attended.

In September tenants enjoyed a lovely tea at the Old Bank Bar followed by the Stars in their Eyes Show at the Caird Hall. This Show is always a winner with everyone. There was also a pie

and bean tea followed by Bingo with all proceeds going to the comfort funds. A special event took place when Billy McDonald received a recognition award from Abertay for helping others at the Complex. He is always willing to help others and it was fantastic to see him getting the recognition he so richly deserves.

As Abertay celebrated its 21st Anniversary in November a number of events have taken place and Paton's Lane chose to hold a party with a fish supper tea, Bingo and entertainment. It was extremely well attended and enjoyed by everyone who partied. Tenants have collected toys for the Christmas Appeal launched by Dundee Charity Homestart. Everyone has been so generous and the Charity were so grateful when they were delivered.



Rosebank Place

A Fish Supper Night took place in the complex in July with entertainment by Rab Clark. Everyone who attended had a lovely time.



Tenants took part in the joint social night in Arbroath Legion with entertainment by Roadrunner. This was a fantastic event enjoyed by everyone.

In October tenants and their friends had a fantastic time as they celebrated Abertay's 21st Anniversary with a lunch in the Complex.

The third Table Top sale took place in the Lounge in November and was held to raise funds for social events. There was also a St Andrews Night which took place on the 30th with entertainment provided by Lynne McTaggart. Both events were thoroughly enjoyed by all who attended.

UPCOMING EVENTS

December 2018
Christmas Carols with Margaret Mathers choir and Christmas Dinner and Party in the complex with Mike Lees Entertaining.

Rosebank tenants and friends have also had Weekly Bingo, weekly gentle Exercise Class and regular Beauty Therapy sessions.



Abertay HA – Proposed Winter Maintenance Works 2018-19

Now that the grass cutting season has finished for another year, our Landscaping contractors ID Verde have turned their focus towards winter shrub and hedge pruning, leaf and litter picking. However, Abertay is also working on a Winter Works Programme which targets trees which may have outgrown their location or become diseased and either need pruned back or removed altogether. Hopefully you are seeing the significant improvements we continue to make with regards to the Open Space Maintenance Service and have noticed that we have started improvements in relation to hard and soft landscaping at our Dura Street Estate.

We plan to radically change the Open Space Maintenance layout of this area before commencement of a new Open Space Maintenance Contract, which is due to commence in April 2019 following the tendering process.

Abertay realise the importance of customer relations and having acted upon suggestions of tenants and owners alike, we have published a detailed list of the works scheduled to be carried out between December 2018 and February 2019.

Residents in the North Fintry area should be reminded that most of the roads and footpaths have been adopted by Dundee City Council and therefore, Abertay have very limited responsibility for supplying/ replenishment of grit bins in this area. However, we do have 23 grit bins spread throughout our other Estates which have been marked by stencil A 1-23 and Abertay will ensure these are filled before the onset of the Winter weather.

You can check the works being done in your area on our website
www.abertayha.co.uk –
follow the links to the Owners section



Abertay held a Garden Competition in the summer and we were delighted with the number of entries received. Winners were chosen in two categories of Best Garden and Best Balcony. Once again we were thrilled that QAPM donated prizes for winners and runners-up and they were presented with their prizes at our Annual General Meeting or shortly afterwards. Mr McIntosh of Finella Terrace won the Garden Competition. Mr Dunn of Gordon Street and Mrs and Mrs Barron of Dykehead Place were joint second place winners. Mrs Irvine of Cheviot Crescent won the Balcony Competition with Mrs Nolan of Fintry Drive second. The photos show the high standard of entries as they all look lovely.

1st place Garden



2nd joint Garden



1st Place Balcony



2nd joint Garden



2nd place Balcony



Abertay Garden Competition

STAFF CHANGES

The period of quiet with regard to staff changes continues. That said, staff have been working extremely hard to ensure that the level of service to tenants and service users remains at the highest standards.

CHARITY

Staff have, been involved in, and supported a number of Charity events throughout the past few months. A number of staff took part in the recent Santa Dash which supports The ARCHIE Foundation. The generosity doesn't end there with staff donating food and clothing for a number of appeals.

Abertay Staff got involved with Macmillan Worlds Biggest Coffee Morning

Staff again took part in the MacMillan World's Biggest Coffee Morning raising an impressive £144. The array of tempting treats and home baking just seems to get more impressive year on year. Thanks to all who took part in what was another successful charity fundraiser for this worthy cause.



Cash for Kids

Abertay Staff have been supporting Cash for Kids for a number of years and this year signed up to the Tay FM 500 Faces appeal where the aim was to raise £100 through small events such as Friday Cake Day or 'Make your Own Pizza' Day. As always Staff were extremely generous and as you can see raised in excess of the £100 pledged. This is only one of a number of Cash for Kids Appeals staff are supporting as we are currently gathering toys and gifts for the ongoing Toy Appeal.



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Stay Secure and Safe This Winter

Please try not to make yourself a target for crime this winter.

When you are out Christmas shopping or in the January sales remember to hide tempting purchases away in the boot of your car or use your own shopping bags to disguise expensive purchases.

Lock the doors in your homes, even when you are at home. There are stories every year of burglars simply getting in through an unlocked door.

If you have to walk alone at night, take extra care. Stay on roads that are well lit and relatively busy. Plan your route in advance and avoid short cuts that involve alleyways or walking across parks or commons unless they are well-lit.

Everyone a winner!

We were delighted to take part in the Fintry Gala Day at the end of August. The Gala Day, held in the grounds of Fintry Parish Church, has always been a popular event with local residents.

Everyone enjoyed the stalls and family friendly activities especially our Hook a Duck challenge where everyone was a winner! Unfortunately due to inclement weather the climbing wall could not be erected but that didn't dampen the spirits of those who attended.



2018 has been a big year for Abertay Housing Association as we celebrated our 21st Anniversary.

A number of events have taken place over the past few months. This included parties in our Retirement Complexes along with a prize draw for a celebratory cake. Our Management Committee and staff also enjoyed a 21st Birthday Cake.

The photos show a small snippet of the celebrations and fun, including the selection of the prize draw winner who was delighted when she was presented with her Cake.



21st Anniversary

Annual General Meeting

We held our 22nd Annual General Meeting (AGM) in September following which a number of the Office Bearer posts changed. Our Chairperson continues to be Kathleen Mands, while the Vice-Chair is now

Ronald Neave and Dorothy Taylor continues as Secretary. We welcomed Vicki Cutler,

Gavin High and Paul Hocking as they were voted on as new Committee members. The AGM was well attended with members listening to the Annual Update by the Chair. After the formal proceedings Kathleen presented prizes to our Garden Competition winners. This was then followed by an enthralling presentation by Amanda Kopel, who has campaigned for a number of years for Frank's Law which aims to provide free personal care for anyone suffering from Dementia, regardless of age. After Amanda's presentation guests enjoyed the now legendary buffet which had been supplied by the ladies of the Church.



We are always on the lookout for contributions to our Newsletters. If you have any interesting articles or want to tell us something that is happening in your local area, please let us know and we will include it in a future newsletter.

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