

COMMENT



COMMENT is here for YOU to make your opinions and thoughts heard on anything happening in the Ardler Village. Simply drop your COMMENTS in to the A.V.T. The opinions and views expressed within this column are those of the author and do not necessarily represent the views of the Editor or AVT (except today !)

Art in Ardler has been a feature within our community for many years. I remember the graffiti murals that were painted in the area before the regeneration began. Now Ardler is to be the home to a new sculpture. This sculpture has been in progress for some time but I and a few other Ardler residents were curious as to, how the art had been chosen?

I contacted Ardler Village Trust who informed me that various groups within the community were contacted. This included the youth cafe, primary schools, Art Steering Group, Art in Ardler, The Ardler Village Trust and TARA. I also understand that it was decided that to have contacted every household within the area was unfeasible due to the expense involved. Unfortunately, I, and many other members of our community who are not members of these groups were not given the opportunity to express an opinion. A small section within the *Ardler Village News* would have allowed Art in Ardler to have contacted every household

within the area and given residents the option of voting. Having been left out of the loop for this substantial piece of art, in the future can all residents be given the chance to vote on this type of project; then when a decision is made we can all feel part of the community.

Yours, Karen

Dear Karen, the Ardler Village Trust tries to encourage participation through many formats as none are perfect i.e. voting in the newsletter might only attract those that are interested and exclude those that don't read it—like children. However, articles on 'Art in Ardler' have appeared in most editions of the newsletter since 2005. This first artwork originated from workshops ran by an Artist working with Young People from the Ardler Café followed by a consultation exercise to develop a final design. This process was described in the Winter 06 edition and involved over 100 people before a public meeting was held in February 07. The sculpture is expected to be unveiled in June 07.

Yours Alistair, Ardler Village Trust.

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Ardler Village News, Autumn Edition
Deadline 11th August. Delivery, 6th Sept
Judging for Ardler in Bloom
Between 23rd and 27th July
Ardler's Big Day Out to Craightoon
Thursday 2nd August. 10am to 4pm

Do you have some spare time?

Then why not drop into the Ardler Complex and join one of our groups. We have activities to suit all ages and groups that cater for a wide range of interests. For example:

The Dundee Tangerines Cheerleaders have formed a group that meets on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday evenings. This is the first cheerleading group to be formed within the area and girls and boys of all ages. For more info visit www.dundeetangerines.com, or contact Lynn on 01382 524497.

Are you aged 9 – 11? Why not come along and join the **Ardler Drama Group** every Wednesday from 4:30pm to 6:00pm. Drama Tutor Lisa Williamson is looking for girls and boys who would be interested in performing in The Ultimate Chill on September 16th in the Caird Hall. Contact Ashley Davidson on 07737340981.

Farewell to our Ranger—Kathy

After a very enjoyable time being the Urban Ranger for Ardler and St Mary's it is now time for me to move on.

I would like to take this opportunity to say a very big thank you to all the children, workers and residents that I have been involved with. Your enthusiasm for your local environment and your welcoming way has made my work an absolute pleasure. Good luck for the future. I am not going too far away, working for Dundee Countryside Ranger Service will allow me to take regular visits "up the hill" to keep up to date.

Thanks again, Kathy

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