



Scarecrows at Scotsburn

In celebration of the annual Tain Gala Week earlier this summer, residents at Scotsburn Court were busy making their entries for the 2019 Scarecrow Competition. The crafts included making everything from papier-mache heads to dinosaur eggs - definitely worth getting covered in paint and glue for!

TV Licences for over 75s

The government funded free TV licence for people over the age of 75 is coming to an end on 1 June 2020 and will be replaced by a new scheme. Under the new scheme, anyone aged 75 or over must receive Pension Credit to be entitled to a free TV licence, which will be funded by the BBC.

It is estimated that 3 million older people will have to start paying the £154.50 annual charge for a TV licence under the new scheme. However, up to 1.3 million families who are entitled to receive Pension Credit do not claim the benefit, according to official government figures.

If you are worried by this change, please get in touch with our Tenancy Sustainment team, who can check your entitlement to Pension Credit.

First time for everything

Tenants at Devlin Court, along with members of the surrounding community, recently had a fantastic day trying out the unusual art of book sculpting.

The event was part of the 'First time for everything project' which ran in collaboration with Prudential UK and the Royal Volunteering Service, aiming to help tackle isolation and loneliness by promoting new hobbies, skills and interests.



Michael Allan elected as new Chair of Cairn



Cairn’s 2019 Annual General Meeting saw Chairperson Simon Guest stand down after three years at the helm and Vice Chair Michael Allan appointed Chairperson of the association.

Simon Guest said:
“It has been a great privilege to serve as Cairn’s Chair for the last three years and I am grateful to our Board members and staff team for their hard work and support. This has been a period of modernisation for the association and we can look ahead to a bright future with sound governance, financial stability and a fantastic staff team.”

Michael Allan, Cairn’s new Chairperson, said:
“I am delighted to take up the role of Chair of Cairn Housing Association. It is an exciting time for the association, having secured new financing, welcomed ANCHO as a partner of the new Cairn Housing Group and launched an ambitious new build development programme. I look forward to supporting our team through the next stage of our development.”

“We are all grateful to Simon for his invaluable contribution to Cairn. Simon’s leadership has put Cairn on a firm footing for an exciting future and we are all delighted that he will continue as a Board member.”

Michael Allan worked for 32 years in the retail sector in various roles including audit, training, property, human resources and customer service. He is also a Cairn tenant and has served on Cairn’s Board for the last seven years, including the last three years as Vice Chair.

In other changes; Don Jamieson has been elected as Vice Chair; John Clark, Gill Walch and David Venters have stood down from the Board and Jackie Browne continues as the representative on Cairn’s Board from ANCHO.

Benefits update

Best Start Foods

Best Start Foods has replaced Healthy Start vouchers and comes with a few changes. The paper vouchers are being replaced by prepaid digital smartcards and the weekly allowance has risen from £3.10 to £4.25.

This benefit can be used for milk, fruit, vegetables and vitamins for pregnant women and eligible families.

Go to mygov.scot to find out more.

Warm Home Discount

The Warm Home Discount Scheme provides eligible households at risk of fuel poverty with a one-off £140 discount on their electricity or gas bill.

People who get the Guarantee Credit element of Pension Credit will receive a letter by mid-December 2019 which will tell them whether the discount will be applied automatically by their energy supplier, or if they need to contact the Warm Home Discount Team by 28 February 2020 to confirm their eligibility.

A limited number of discounts are available for other low income households. People who think they may be eligible should contact their energy supplier for further information and to make a claim.

Funeral Support Payment

There is a new payment available to people in Scotland, who are on certain benefits or tax credits, and need support to meet the costs of a funeral. It replaces the UK Government’s Funeral Expense Payment in Scotland.

The payment is a contribution towards the cost of the funeral. In most cases, it will cover the burial or cremation costs and help towards other funeral costs such as funeral director’s fees, a coffin or flowers. Funeral Support Payment is a part-payment and will cover some, but likely not all, of the funeral costs.

To find out more or to apply visit mygov.scot or call 0800 182 2222.

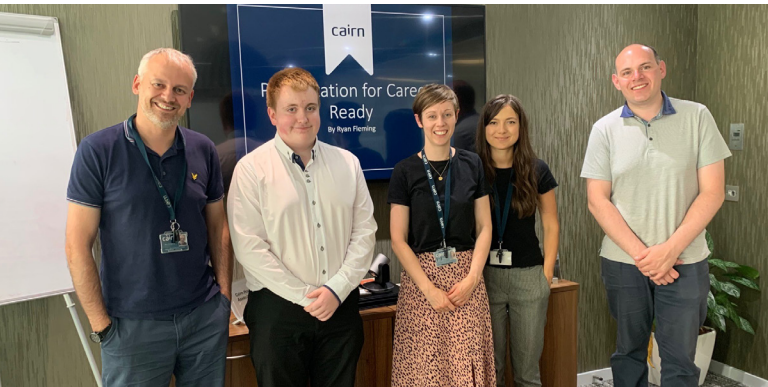
Ryan is Career Ready after his Cairn internship

This summer we welcomed St Margaret’s Academy student Ryan Fleming to our Communications and Engagement Team for a full-time four-week paid work placement.

Career Ready is an initiative which matches 15-18 year olds with businesses to offer a programme of mentoring and paid internships, masterclasses and workplace visits.

Ryan has a passion for design and photography so helped us out with our latest annual report, social media and photography of our developments.

If you are interested in becoming a mentor for a young person, or if you are 15-18 and would benefit from this programme, then visit careerready.org.uk for how to apply.



Pentland and Cairn

We wrote to all tenants in August to let you know that Pentland Housing Association and Cairn are considering a partnership, which would see Pentland’s homes and services transferring to Cairn. This would mean combining the strengths of Pentland and Cairn into one organisation.

The transfer will only go ahead if Pentland’s tenants vote for it in a formal ballot, probably later next year. In the meantime, we are working through a due diligence exercise and will be consulting with Pentland’s tenants on the development of a business case for the proposal.

If you have any questions or comments about the proposed transfer of Pentland Housing Association to Cairn then please contact Neil Golightly, Business Services Manager, by emailing neil.golightly@cairnha.com or calling 0800 990 3405.

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INFLATABLES
FAMILY FUN DAY

Inverness Leisure Centre Sports Hall



WE HAVE THE FOLLOWING LARGE INFLATABLES!

- Rodeo Ride • Bungee Run • Disco Ball
- Bouncy castle with slide • Ddycars • Giant jenga/connect 4 • Jungle Soft Play

ALSO • Face painting • Balloon Making • Glitter Tattoos

Sunday | 10 November | 2pm - 4pm

Birthday celebrations at Aitkin Court

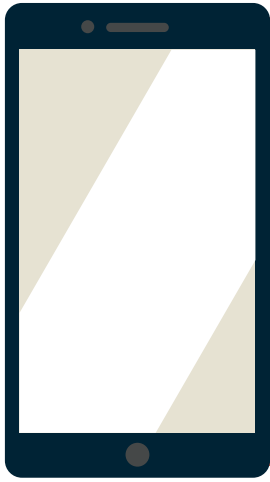
Happy birthday to Margaret Fyffe who celebrated her 90th at Aitkin Court in Kirkcaldy. Margaret has lived at Aitkin Court for the past thirty years and family, friends and neighbours gathered for a small party in the communal lounge. A local singer named Charlie provided the entertainment with songs from the 40’s, 50’s and 60’s.



CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR HOLIDAYS

Our services will be closed at various points during Christmas and New Year. We will continue to provide emergency repairs during the holidays on **0800 990 3405**. Please refer to your Tenant Handbook (which can also be found online) for more information on emergency repairs.

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| Edinburgh, Inverness and Bellshill offices | Tue 24th Dec 2019 | Mon 6th Jan 2020 |
| Sheltered and retirement housing (Christmas period) | Tue 24th Dec 2019 | Mon 30th Dec 2019 |
| Sheltered and retirement housing (New Year period) | Tue 31st Dec 2019 | Fri 3rd Jan 2020 |



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