

New Outdoor Space!



Money has been raised with the help of our fundraising team over the past two years to upgrade the communal garden for eight apartments, where nine of our supported individuals have their own tenancies. We would like to thank our two superstar supporters, George Eggo and Alison Hood for their outstanding contributions to this project through a variety of fundraising events.

The garden furniture still has to be purchased and the raised flower and vegetable beds are due to be filled in over the coming months. Once this has been done, our supported individuals will be able to enjoy spring and summer in a relaxed environment as well as tend to the flower and vegetable beds, or both.

The garden will be officially opened in spring with a celebratory barbecue.

Happy Campers

Our Blue Central Campers were delighted recently to be presented with a cheque by Struan, who is the manager of the Co-op branch in Rosyth.

This is the third time local Co-op members have chosen Scottish Autism's Blue Central Campers as their local community cause. Our group has to date received a whopping £4,715.37!

The donations from the Co-op have allowed us to buy new equipment for our camping in June and will fund our annual event for the next couple of years.

The Blue Central Campers were unofficially named a few years ago by one of our biggest fundraisers, Robert and the name has been with us since. The group have been fundraising for their annual short breaks for autistic individuals for around ten years now.

Robert is a young man with Asperger's who attends our Blue Central day services. Robert was one of our regular campers, attending for over nine years, and amongst his other fundraising achievements, has climbed the Munro's and walked the West Highland Way to help financially support this break to take place over the years.

Although Robert has now "retired" from the trip itself he continues to fundraise and now takes on a new role with great pride - setting up the tents and the campsite with Scott for the others who attend.



The group has supported numerous autistic individuals over the years, from "old hands" such as Uisdean and Robin who have attended almost every camping break, to newer campers such as Craig and Jack who have been attending for two and five years respectively.

Since their first trip, the group has grown and developed greatly in line with our service provisions. What was initially a short break opportunity for a small group within day services, developed further to include campers from both a number of our services including housing support, day services, outreach and independent living support.

The Football Supporters Group "The Tartan Army" is another significant benefactor who have enabled us to provide this opportunity year after year to the young people who enjoy the annual camping trip.

Learning About Fire Safety

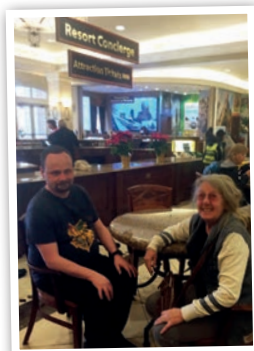
The Fife Service User Forum were recently joined by Julia McKenzie from the Scottish Fire and Rescue Service.

Julia gave an informative presentation on Fire Safety in the Home, which led to an animated Q&A session with our members, who then had the opportunity to try out some of the kit.



Another Successful Trip for Dale

Over the festive period, one of our supported individuals, Dale visited his mum and extended family in New Orleans for the third year in a row. During the trip, he visited Orlando in Florida with his mum. Dale is supported to travel to America by Scottish Autism staff, who then return to meet him to travel home. This was another successful trip for Dale and he is now talking about his next trip to see them all in 2020.



In Memory of Jim Barclay

We are deeply saddened by the recent passing of Jim Barclay. Jim has been actively involved with Scottish Autism for over twenty-five years as a parent, fundraiser and a member of our Board.

We would like to send our condolences to his family during this difficult time.



Art Group Festivities



Every year, our Fife Art Group meets up after the Christmas and New Year festivities to celebrate and catch up with each other. The unanimous decision this year was that our celebration meal would again be from the Chinese and Chip Shop. The food was very much enjoyed by all and we ended our meal by pulling some Christmas crackers.

At the end of January, we also celebrated Burns Night by taking part in Scottish arts and crafts and enjoying traditional Scottish delicacies such as haggis and Irn Bru.

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