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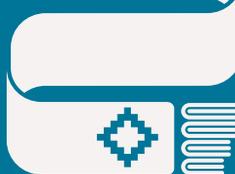
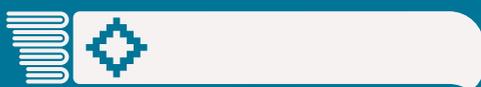
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We've committed to cleaning up
Renfrewshire, can you help us do it?





Keep these numbers close to hand so you know who to call in an emergency



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(select option 1)

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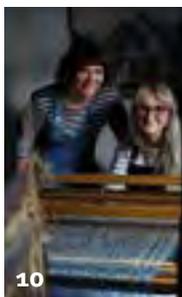
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If you become homeless out of office hours, call 0800 121 4466.





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Welcome to the final edition of Renfrewshire Magazine in 2017.

It is also the final ever printed edition as from 2018, the latest news and features will be brought to you through a new digital magazine, enabling you to choose the updates that interest you most.

There's a lot to look forward to in Renfrewshire and since we were elected in May we have been outlining our priorities to ensure Renfrewshire is an attractive place to live, work, visit and invest in. Read on for details of the new Council Plan, which details how we will deliver on our ambitious vision for the area.

You can also read about how we have already invested in improving the cleanliness of our streets and launched the Team Up to Clean Up campaign, supporting communities to keep their local areas clean.

This edition contains the key contacts you might need over the festive period and check out our website for simple steps you can take to ensure you are ready for winter.

Paisley's bid to be UK City of Culture 2021 has caught the collective imagination and I want to say thank you to everyone for your incredible support so far. The final result will be revealed before the end of the year and whatever the result, I believe the foundations are firmly in place to celebrate a Renfrewshire we can all be proud of.

Councillor Iain Nicolson
Leader of Renfrewshire Council

I'm delighted to have taken on the role of Provost of Renfrewshire and grateful to have been given such a prestigious responsibility.

Even from the short time I have been in this position, I have met so many fantastic people and the work that goes on in our communities, often behind the scenes, is incredible.

I'm excited for the next five years to see what lies ahead and I'm determined to support our local communities in whichever way I can.

I'm looking forward to hosting my first Community Awards in March and the standard of applications we have received has been tremendous, although certainly not unexpected.

There are so many unsung heroes in Renfrewshire and I feel privileged to have the opportunity to reward them for the selfless work they complete for others.

With Paisley's bid for UK City of Culture inspiring the whole area, it is a fantastic time to live and work in Renfrewshire and I can't wait to find out whether we have been successful.

Whatever happens, Paisley, and Renfrewshire as a whole, has been revitalised and the wider regeneration process will continue to change the fortunes of this great area.

Fingers crossed!

Councillor Lorraine Cameron
Provost of Renfrewshire

Are you ready for winter?

Make sure you are #RenReady



Winter weather is upon us, are you taking all the necessary precautions to prepare your home, community or business?

We provide a 24-hour gritting service to deal with severe weather conditions to ensure our roads network can continue to operate as normal.

More than 800km of road and 1200km of pavement will be treated across Renfrewshire with over 4000 tonnes of salt having been purchased to combat the freezing conditions.

You can make sure you are prepared to deal with any situation by taking simple steps, such as preparing an emergency plan and grab bag for your home, checking

weather reports often, or having an emergency care kit in your car.

When living in a community, it's also a good idea to think about the people in your surrounding area, such as neighbours.

Things you can do include keeping a list of phone numbers of vulnerable neighbours, relatives, offering help with shopping or any other essential tasks and if there is ice or snow, clear it from pathways to keep your neighbourhood safe.

We want our communities to be #RenReady during winter, so check out more information on our website at:

www.renfrewshire.gov.uk/readyforwinter



Festive period bin collection

A normal bin collection service will run through the festive period with the exception of Christmas Day and New Year's Day.

If your bin is due to be collected on Monday 25 December or Monday 1 January, please put it out instead on the previous day—Sunday 24 December or 31 December.

Household waste and recycling centres are closed on Christmas Day and New Year's Day.

Visit www.renfrewshire.gov.uk/bincollection for more information.



Winter events were great fun

Paisley kicked off the winter season with a series of spectacular events.

Starting with the popular spooky Halloween Festival, this year's free family-friendly events saw even more people coming into the town to join in the fun.

From fire monsters on a Paisley Chariot and the fantastic Spark! Drummers, to an 80s themed Fireworks Spectacular and a silent disco in Paisley Town Hall, there were lots of opportunities to get involved and enjoy the winter season.

The winter season is part of a wider programme of events in Paisley's bid for UK City of Culture 2021.

Paisley 2021 bid director Jean Cameron said: "One of the key aims of Paisley's bid is to showcase the town's proven track record in hosting a diverse range of major cultural activities and the winter events programme highlights just that."



Paisley First Nutcracker Trail

Paisley First is bringing some festive cheer to the streets of Paisley this Christmas.

The town centre Business Improvement District is planning a free festive and interactive Nutcracker Trail with 10 large Nutcracker Kings spread throughout the town from Saturday 2 December until Saturday 16 December.

The Nutcracker Trail will see visitors collect special booklets from the Paisley Piazza shopping centre and the Paisley Centre and complete the trail for a chance to win prizes.

Paisley First chairman, Ian Henderson, said: "We will also be running a Christmas retail campaign; when it comes to festive shopping we have a lot of fantastic independent retailers and after hitting the shops and enjoying the Christmas entertainment, visitors can take advantage of our many cafes, restaurants and bars."

Details of all our Christmas events can be found at www.paisleyfirst.com



VR brings events to you



It's one of the 21st century's biggest digital advances and now virtual reality is being used to help isolated communities and housebound residents access some of the buildings and cultural events Renfrewshire has to offer.

ROAR—Connections for Life, a charity that aims to connect lives and promote health and wellbeing in later life, launched their VR Over the Doorstep project in October.

Funded by the culture, heritage and events fund, the project will use virtual reality, 360° films and live video streaming to give residents the chance to look around buildings, enjoy live tours and take part in cultural events in Renfrewshire that they physically cannot reach or visit.

Local buildings on the list to be 360° filmed include Paisley's wonderful, but inaccessible, Coats Observatory.

Have an exciting, safe night out in Paisley

Paisley is celebrating achieving the prestigious Purple Flag in recognition of its thriving night time economy, becoming the fourth place in Scotland to be awarded the status.

The Purple Flag is the benchmark for good night time destinations and town and cities must provide a vibrant and diverse mix of dining, entertainment and culture, while promoting the safety and well-being of visitors and local residents, to achieve the status.

The application for Purple Flag status was developed by Renfrewshire Council and Paisley First, with input from a range of close partners within the community.

Ian Henderson, chairman of Paisley First, said: *"The Purple Flag endorses the town as a safe place to have an entertaining night out.*

"The award is particularly reassuring to the thousands of students who come from overseas to Paisley each year to study."



Town power!



Paisley was home to this year's Scotland's Towns Conference—in partnership with the Council, Paisley 2021 and Scotland's Town Partnership—and attracted people from up and down the country to look at how the future of our towns is centred on celebrating our cultural and heritage assets.

The conference focused on towns as spaces that tell our story as a nation, with town experts asking those who attended

year-on-year to consider how they could build upon their town's existing assets: whether they are medieval burghs and seats of kings; hubs of the industrial revolution; or 'new town' symbols of post-war modernity.

Paisley's untold story and the town's bid for UK City of Culture 2021 were key topics of discussion, with experts saying both have helped put the town back into the international spotlight.

Pupils achieve top marks

Renfrewshire schools are performing well and have shown year on year improvements on attainment over the last five years.

This year's exam results revealed that S4 and S5 pupils maintained the strong performance those year groups earned last year, matching the best results ever achieved.

The percentage of S4 pupils achieving seven awards at National 5 and S5 pupils achieving three or more Highers even surpassed the achievements of pupils in previous years.

There was also a six per cent rise in the number of S6 pupils achieving

Advanced Highers, which is the highest level achieved by young people in Renfrewshire.

Renfrewshire is now one of nine local authorities in the Scottish Government's Attainment Challenge and schools have been focusing on further developing learning and teaching, as well as supporting families, communities and school leadership.

Underpinning these three strands are a number of evidenced-based programmes developed to enhance professional learning and support how children and young people learn.



Register your child for primary school (session 2018/2019)

Children who reach 5 years of age between 1 March 2018 and 28 February 2019 inclusive should be registered for education in their school catchment area:

When should you register?

Pupils whose surnames begin with the initials A to L should be registered on Wednesday 10 January 2018.

Pupils whose surnames begin with M to Z should be registered on Thursday 11 January 2018.

Registration will take place between 1pm and 3pm.

What do you need to provide?

- Your child's birth certificate
- Two proofs of residence, which must include:
 - council tax notice for the property or proof that you have registered for council tax at that property;
 - and either a letter from your solicitor confirming that missives have been concluded, a rentbook or tenancy agreement for a rented property, or a mortgage/bank statement if you own your home.

Original documents must be produced.

Choice of school

You must register your child in only one school, either the denominational or non-denominational school for your area.

If you want your child to go to a different school you will also need to make a placing request.

Information on Renfrewshire schools and the procedures to be followed when making a placing request, is available at every school or from the Council offices at Cotton Street, Paisley, PA1 1LQ.

Your catchment school can also give you the form to fill in when you register your child.

Placing requests for all schools, for session beginning August 2018, should be sent to Children's Services by 15 March 2018.

If you need more information on schools for your area please telephone 0300 300 0170 or visit our website

www.renfrewshire.gov.uk/schools

Business leaders join forces to drive economic success

Bosses from businesses across Renfrewshire have formed an Economic Leadership Panel to drive the region's future economic success.

The panel includes Malcolm Group, Scottish Leather Group, Hewlett Packard and Diageo, combined with local college and university representatives.

Together, the panel is developing a long-term economic strategy for Renfrewshire.

Chairperson, Audrey Cumberland, principal and chief executive of West College Scotland said *"We all share a commitment to Renfrewshire and its long term economic success."*

Renfrewshire is home to the second highest percentage of people in employment with an academic degree or professional qualification.

More than 90% of companies in Renfrewshire are micro-businesses, while the area is also home to major employers including Glasgow Airport and Intu Braehead.



Positive mental health matters to young people

An innovative youth-led campaign is tackling the biggest issue that young people face—positive mental health—through a specially created Youth Commission.

Young people from across Renfrewshire have been working on changing perceptions and attitudes towards mental health since the first-ever Youth Assembly to be held in the area identified positive mental health as their top priority.

Stress, relationships and social media have all been identified as areas that can affect mental health by young people, and this has been backed up by emerging results from the second Children and Young People Wellbeing survey conducted in Renfrewshire.

Now the Youth Commission, along with Youth Voice groups and Renfrewshire's MSYPs, have launched a **#FollowYourFeet** social media campaign aimed at showcasing what resources are out there for those who need it.

Gemma Verlaque, 19, who is a member of the Youth Commission, said: *“Good mental health is really important for young people, who may face issues at home, school or in the community.*

“The Youth Commission has looked at what support is out in the community for young people. We want to make sure they have the information they need to get help and support, especially during transition periods—such as leaving school.

“We discovered that many didn't know what services were available to them and that they didn't think there were enough activities and groups for those struggling with mental health issues.”

The Youth Commission have been supported by the Council's youth services team, Young Scot, Active Communities, Create Paisley, Renfrewshire Health and Social Care Partnership and many other local organisations.



Did you know?

Mental health problems such as depression and anxiety affect about 1 in 10 children and young people.



Drama and art good for mental health



How can I improve my mental health?

- Join one of Renfrewshire’s many Youth Voice groups
- Take part in a peer education project in secondary schools
- Sign up to a drama or dance group
- Drop in to a community youth club

Find out more

Call youth services on 0141 889 1110
or email youth@renfrewshire.gov.uk

Post your message of support on social media using #FollowYourFeet

Earlier this year, Linwood Youth Voice created a showcase called “How AM-DRAM Saved Our Lives” to highlight the positive impact of drama on mental health.

The event featured four films made by young people on how taking part in drama has increased their confidence, allowed them to express themselves, increased their friend groups and prompted them to take part in other community projects.

Nathan McCuaig, chairperson of Linwood Youth Voice and one of 11 young people behind the event, said: “Most of the members of Linwood Youth Voice felt their lives had been changed by amateur dramatics and we were proud to share this with friends, family and the community.”

Buddies celebrate Paisley's heritage

A series of heritage education, training and events have been delivered to celebrate Paisley's rich built heritage as part of Renfrewshire Council's Townscape Heritage Conservation Area Regeneration Scheme 2 (TH.CARS 2).

The £4 million TH.CARS 2 project, which is funded by the Heritage Lottery Fund, Historic Environment Scotland and Renfrewshire Council, aims to make the area around the High Street a more attractive place to visit and invest in, while highlighting the significant role Paisley has played in the weaving and textile industry.

Here are some of the projects delivered throughout the town:

Winter coats: yarn bombing

Town centre statues were dressed by local craft groups to coincide with Scottish Mental Health Arts Festival. Groups researched the statues in Dunn Square and at the Town Hall and worked with textile artists Ashley Holdsworth and Bex Smith to create bespoke garments and decorations.





Weavers in Residence

Two weavers in residence have been exploring the town's weaving heritage and historic Sma' Shot Cottages with workshops, demonstrations and participation events taking place.



Traditional building skills workshops

Around 72 pupils from four Paisley high schools participated in outdoor workshops to learn traditional building skills, delivered in partnership with the Scottish Traditional Building Forum.

The demonstration, which included a tour of Paisley Abbey, was a fantastic exhibition of traditional construction techniques, with a focus on inspiring young people and raising awareness of career opportunities available in this field.

Renfrewshire Council Depute Leader, Councillor Jim Paterson, said: *"It was great to see so many of our young people learning about traditional building skills and participating in practical sessions through the Scottish Traditional Building Forum. The project celebrates the town's unique heritage; a key part of Paisley's bid for UK City of Culture 2021."*

Artists at Doors Open Days

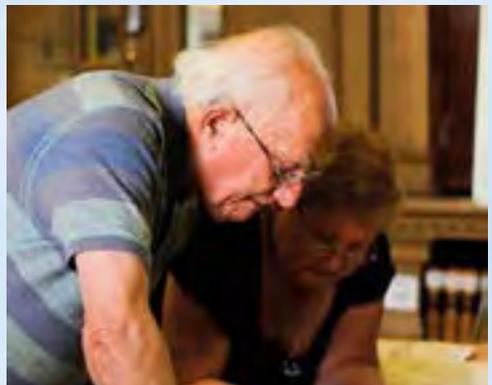
The Doors Open Day weekend premiered various projects —STAR Project presented their project about the life and work of Paisley architect James Steel Maitland, Create Paisley premiered a short documentary 'Coats Tales—the Town that Coats Built' about the architectural legacy left to Paisley by the Coats & Clark families, and a cognitive mapping workshop helped participants think about how to mentally map their own versions of Paisley.

More Doors Open ▶
Day news overleaf

Coats, Clarks and Stewards

A local artist and social historian worked with groups at the Disability Resource Centre and ROAR—Connections for Life to deliver a research project exploring the family tree of notable Paisley families—the Coats, Clarks and Stewards.

The group's project culminates with the launch of their digital Story Map at the University of West of Scotland on Tuesday 28 November.



To find out more visit www.renfrewshire.gov.uk/THCars2.

Opening the doors to Renfrewshire's history

Thousands of people took the opportunity to visit some of Renfrewshire's historic buildings and locations as part of the annual Doors Open Days event.

A worldwide event with more than 50 countries taking part, visitors were able to take in the fantastic architecture the region has to offer and take a look inside buildings which aren't always open to the public.



1 The magnificent Russell Institute opened its doors after a multi-million pound renovation which has breathed new life into the iconic building and is now home to staff from Invest in Renfrewshire and Skills Development Scotland.

2 Visitors were able to take a look inside a traditional 17th century weaver's cottage as the ever-popular Sma' Shot Cottages opened their doors to Paisley's fascinating past.

3 The breathtaking views across the Garnock Valley could be seen as Castle Semple in Lochwinnoch gave guided tours of the lookout tower which overlooks the loch.

4 The historic Grade 'B' listed Victory Baths in Renfrew gave visitors a tour of the beautiful, and often rumoured to be haunted, public baths.

5 Paisley Museum is full to the brim of fascinating stories, beautiful artefacts and creative pieces of art, and many took up the opportunity to experience them across the weekend.

6 One for the kids, and maybe the adults too, saw Lamont Farm in Erskine put on handling sessions which gave families the opportunity to meet some of the animals who call the farm home.



TeamUP to Clean

Join our campaign
and let's 'Team Up
to Clean Up'

We've committed to
cleaning up Renfrewshire,
can you help us do it?



Renfrewshire's environment is seeing the benefit of a **£250,000** investment into an enhanced programme of operational activity to improve the cleanliness of Renfrewshire's streets.

The investment has increased the frequency of the council's gully cleaning and road sweeping service, employed new dedicated litter pickers across Renfrewshire and is removing or replacing any broken or out of date roads infrastructure.

The campaign also urges the community to discover their sense of civic pride in Renfrewshire by getting involved with the campaign.

Here's a look at the key points of the campaign.



What is the council doing?



Gully cleaning

Since the campaign began, we've been working to assess every gully in Renfrewshire and, where needed, carry out draining and cleaning.

Road sweeping

We have employed new drivers to ensure our residential communities are now swept every two months.

Litter picking

New dedicated litter pickers have been employed to complement existing street cleaning activity, who work to clear litter and tackle other cleanliness issues they come across on their route.

Roads and infrastructure

A review of all redundant roads infrastructure i.e. signage, street lights, and poles is being carried out and anything found to be broken or out of date removed or replaced.



Find out where we're cleaning each week here:
www.renfrewshire.gov.uk/teamuptocleanup

How can you get involved?

Community clean ups

Community clean ups are a quick and effective way of making a real difference to your local area. We're seeking enthusiastic community members to organise a community clean up and help lead the charge to eliminate litter in Renfrewshire.

We will provide you with all the equipment and advice you need for a successful event, call **0300 300 1375** or email **es@renfrewshire.gov.uk**

Fly tipping

There's always an alternative to fly tipping your waste. Fly tipping can cause damage to the environment as well as leaving an unsightly mess for the community.

Report any waste you see to us or arrange a special uplift via our website.

If you see fly-tipping or discover dumped waste, report it to the council or phone the National Stopline on **08452 30 40 90**. You can also report a 'dumper' at **www.dumbdumpers.org**

If you can't remove the waste yourself, you can arrange a special uplift by the council to collect domestic waste, garden waste, and white goods. To request this call: **0300 300 0300**.

Costs and guidelines for special uplifts apply.

Dog fouling



The majority of dog owners in Renfrewshire are very responsible: keeping their dog under proper control, ensuring they are microchipped, and cleaning up after them.

As part of the Team Up to Clean Up campaign, we want to change it from the majority to all.

Sign up to our Responsible Dog Owner pledge via: **www.surveymonkey.com/r/ResponsibleDogOwner**

Recycling

Reduce: Change the way you buy and use products to reduce the amount that gets thrown away.

Reuse: Don't throw anything away unless you have to. Reuse old gift bags, use boxes for storage or give unwanted clothes to charity.

Recycle: Make use of the bins provided to you and separate your waste from what can be recycled. If you don't know what goes where, ask us!



Did you know?

There are five household waste recycling centres in Renfrewshire:

1. Erskine
2. Johnstone
3. Paisley
4. Renfrew
5. Linwood

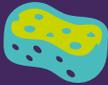




TeamUP to CleanUP



Planning a clean up?
Let us know, we can help



For more information on
how you can get involved visit

www.renfrewshire.gov.uk/teamuptocleanup
or call

0300 300 1375



Your magazine is going digital



The Renfrewshire Magazine is set to move online and will streamline the news, features and topics into what you want hear about.

From next year, you will be able to sign up for the topics which peak your interest through our new online service.

From schools and clubs, events, regeneration works and so much more, you will be able to select from a choice of news topics to find out what is going on in your area.

All you will need to do is give us your email address and your post code and you will receive regular updates tailored specifically to you.

We're going to miss the paper edition which has fallen through your letterbox for the past nine years, but we're excited about the new service which will launch next year and bring the magazine into the digital age.

Keep an eye on our social media channels and we'll let you know when you can start to sign up.

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Ambitious plan for a thriving Renfrewshire

Home to 176,000 people across 270 square kilometres of towns and villages, Renfrewshire has a rich history, strong and resilient communities, and great economic potential.

Delivering for Renfrewshire

To achieve our vision for Renfrewshire we are prioritising five key strategic outcomes:

Reshaping our place, our economy and our future

Driving the economy, delivering economic and cultural regeneration, investing in infrastructure, making Renfrewshire a digital location and promoting it as a great place to live, work and visit.

Building strong, safe and resilient communities

Working with local people and partners to keep communities safe and vibrant; protecting vulnerable people; strengthening community networks and ensuring access to quality, affordable housing.



“This is an exciting time for Renfrewshire and we have an opportunity to transform the area's future and enable Renfrewshire to thrive.

“Thriving Places, Connected Communities sets out our ambitions as a local authority to deliver for everyone in Renfrewshire. By listening to our communities and working together with our partners we can reshape Renfrewshire, our economy and our future.

“We want to remove the barriers to opportunities, building strong, safe and resilient communities, and make the most of what the area has to offer.

“This is a fantastic, yet challenging time for Renfrewshire and many people in our communities are affected by poverty, poor health and unemployment. These are unacceptable inequalities and we will address them by working differently, making decisions which ensure growth

An ambitious new plan is in place to build on these strengths and use them to transform the area's future, enabling it to thrive and create opportunities for everyone.

Thriving Places, Connected Communities sets out the Council's strategic ambitions for the area over the next five years.

It is focused on making Renfrewshire an attractive place to live, work, visit and invest in and has been developed alongside Renfrewshire's new ten-year Community Plan.



Did you know?

The Council Plan will support the projected 79% increase in people aged 75+ in Renfrewshire over the next 20 years.

Tackling inequality, ensuring opportunities for all

Tackling poverty and health inequalities; improving mental health and wellbeing; supporting young carers; celebrating diversity and ensuring our children get the best possible start in life to achieve their ambitions.

Creating a sustainable Renfrewshire for all to enjoy

Working with communities to improve the local environment; promoting sustainable approaches to everyday life such as minimising waste, increasing recycling and energy efficiency, and developing outdoor places and spaces for community enjoyment.

Working together to improve outcomes

Ensuring financial sustainability, strengthening local and national partnership working, fostering a culture of innovation and improvement, and investing, developing and engaging with our workforce.



and that investment reaches our most disadvantaged.

"Like many public services, we face significant financial challenges, a changing society and changing needs of local people, communities and businesses. It is vital that this plan is ambitious and flexible, enabling us to respond to the challenges and embrace the opportunities that will help us deliver the high quality services local people and businesses rely on.

"Our plan complements Renfrewshire's new 10-year Community Plan and developing these two plans in parallel provides us with a real opportunity to agree on the outcomes we will all focus on going forward and create a 'golden thread' running through each one, which together will deliver a thriving Renfrewshire."

Council Leader, Councillor Iain Nicolson

Full steam ahead for Paisley's regeneration

Things continue to look positive for Paisley

It's an exciting time for Paisley, and Renfrewshire, as plans to transform the area's future using the power of our internationally-significant heritage and cultural story—including a bid to be UK City of Culture 2021—have taken giant leaps forward.

Paisley has a unique story to tell and that can help us become a key destination within Scotland for visitors and major events, bringing new footfall and life into our High Street and town centre for businesses to feed off.

The benefits of that will be felt throughout Renfrewshire—and the work is already happening, with major investment in our historic venues.



Transformation of Paisley Museum moves another step forward

The £42m plans to turn Paisley Museum into an international-class facility based around the town's unique heritage story took a massive step forward when the Heritage Lottery Fund confirmed a £4.9m grant, on top of the £24.1m already set aside by the council.

The revamped museum will reconnect the town with the globally-recognised Paisley Pattern, tell the stories of why the town is internationally

significant and bring more than 125,000 people into our town centre each year, quadrupling current visitor numbers.



Historic venues to benefit from £45m investment

This multi-million investment announced by the council in September will see venues across Paisley undergo an incredible transformation and provide the infrastructure to facilitate cultural change in the area.

The investment will see Paisley Town Hall undergo a major modernisation, Paisley Arts Centre be completely revamped, the redevelopment of St James Playing Field and the conversion of the former Galbraiths warehouse into an arts exhibition venue.

The investment will also provide improved road, public transport and pedestrian access to Paisley town centre.



A guide for the future

The opportunities and challenges facing our communities have also been addressed through the production of the new Council and Community Plans.

The two documents set out the priorities for the coming years and will work in tandem to ensure Renfrewshire is an attractive place to live, work, visit and invest in.

By listening to our communities and working together with our partners, we can reshape Renfrewshire, our economy and our future.

Now we wait...

From volunteers to famous faces, partners to community groups, Paisley's bid for UK City of Culture really has been all-encompassing and the support behind it has been incredible.

The decision on whether we have been successful is due in early December and we'll soon know whether the prestigious title will be bestowed upon us in 2021.

No matter the outcome, the cultural regeneration of Paisley will continue to move forward and we will harness the strength of community spirit that has been created to make positive change.

Good luck to our competitors Coventry, Stoke-on-Trent, Sunderland and Swansea, we hope you've enjoyed the process as much as we have.

Fingers crossed!



What's on

Cultural events from Renfrewshire Leisure

Highlights from the winter season...

For more events, go to www.renfrewshireleisure.com

A Buddy Good Laugh

Sun 17 December

Paisley Town Hall, 8pm

£10 (£8 conc.) + bkg fee*



Paisley's favourite comedy club returns with a top line-up of hilarious comedians, brought to you by our friends at Dead Sheep Comedy. This gig will feature Raymond Mearns plus a host of other guests.



Christmas Crooners

Fri 22 December

Paisley Town Hall, 7.30pm

£17 (£15 conc.) + bkg fee*

Now in its tenth record-breaking year, Christmas Crooners is jam packed with festive favourites including the Christmas hits of Bing Crosby, Nat King Cole and Frank Sinatra. This fantastic cast of West End Singers are backed by the superb and talented swing band: The Jazz All-Stars who will perform over 30 well known Christmas hits.



INSPIRED

20 January until 15 April

Paisley Museum

FREE

Inspired is the annual exhibition of artwork from children and young people in schools and nurseries across Renfrewshire. The exhibition aims to showcase the development of children's art and design work from the early works of 3 and 4 year olds through to the sophisticated and talented pieces which form a Fifth or Sixth Year pupil's folio for national qualifications.

Buy tickets from the box office on **0300 300 1210** or online at www.renfrewshireleisure.com

*A £1 service charge per transaction applies for bookings made by phone or online. There is no service charge for tickets purchased in person or for tickets booked by phone and later collected from the Box Office.

Beneath and Beyond

1 February until 15 April

Paisley Museum

FREE

Beneath and Beyond brings together science and nature in a unique live-feed sound installation. You will hear sounds that will play continuously as the computer receives data from the various Seismic Monitoring Stations. These are the rumbles and low sonic sounds caused by the Earth's constant shifts and movements. There are also areas that allow you to visualise each of these different sounds as a waveform.



Pasha Kovalev:
The Magic Of Hollywood
 Tue 15 May
 Paisley Town Hall, 7.30pm
 £24.50 (£22 conc.) + bkg fee*

Lights, Camera...Ballroom!
 Pasha Kovalev from BBC's Strictly Come Dancing returns with his brand new show The Magic of Hollywood, featuring professional dancer Anya Garnis. This amazing new show will be jam packed with sequins, glitz and glamour as Pasha takes to the stage with his sensational dancers.



Ballet West presents
Giselle ou Les Willis
 Fri 2 February
 Paisley Town Hall, 7.30pm
 £15 (£13 conc.) + bkg fee*

This romantic ballet tells the story of a peasant girl names Giselle, who dies of a broken heart after discovering her lover is betrothed to another. The Willis—a group of supernatural women who dance men to death—summon Giselle from her grave. They target her lover for death, but Giselle's great love frees him from their grasp.

Your Councillors

Details were correct at the time of going to press. However, if you intend to go along to a councillor's surgery, please get in touch to check the dates and times, particularly during school and public holidays.

Visit www.renfrewshire.gov.uk for latest surgery details and to contact your local councillor by email.

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 Kirklandneuk Community
 Centre 3rd Thurs (6–7pm)



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 *Intu Braehead Marketing Room
 Last Sat (11–12noon)
 *Renfrew High School
 1st Tues (6.15–7.15pm)
 *alternates with Cllr Shaw



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Ward 2 Renfrew South and Gallowhill



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 Cherrie Centre
 2nd Sat (11–11.30am)
 Newmains Primary School
 2nd Sat (12noon–12.30pm)



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 Cherrie Centre
 3rd Tues (6.30–7.30pm)
 Gallowhill Community Centre
 3rd Thurs (6.30–7.30pm)
 *alternates with Cllr Paterson



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 2nd Wed (5.15–6pm)
 Cherrie Centre
 3rd Tues (6.15–7pm)
 Gallowhill Community Centre
 3rd Thurs (10–10.45am)
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Ward 3

Paisley Northeast and Ralston



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Sherwood Greenlaw Church
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Ralston Community Centre
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Williamsburgh Primary School
1st Thurs (6.30–7pm)

Ralston Community Centre
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Ward 4

Paisley Northwest



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West End Community Centre
1st Friday (2 – 3pm)

West Primary School
4th Sat (11 – 11.30am)

St Ninian’s Church Hall, Paisley
Last Wed (5 – 5.30pm)

Beechwood Community Centre
Last Wed (6 – 6.30pm)



Kenny MacLaren
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St Ninian’s Church Hall, Paisley
1st Thurs (6.30 – 7.30pm)

Martyrs Church, Paisley
1st Sat (11 – 11.45am)

Beechwood Community Centre
3rd Wed (6.30 – 7.30pm)

alternates with Cllr Mags MacLaren



Mags MacLaren
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St Ninian’s Church Hall, Paisley
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Martyrs Church, Paisley
1st Sat (11 – 11.45am)

Beechwood Community Centre
3rd Wed (6.30 – 7.30pm)

alternates with Cllr Kenny MacLaren



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Beechwood Community Centre
1st Mon (6.30 – 7pm)

St Ninian’s Church Hall, Paisley
2nd Mon (6.30 – 7pm)

Martyrs Church, Paisley
2nd Mon (7.15 – 8pm)



Ward 5

Paisley East and Central



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Hunterhill Community Centre
1st Sat (11–12noon)

Southend Action Centre
3rd Wed (6–7pm)



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Ward 6

Paisley Southeast



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Glenburn Community Centre
1st Thurs (6–6.30pm)

Charleston Centre
2nd Thurs (6–6.30pm)

Lochfield Primary School
4th Thurs (6–6.30pm)



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Lochfield Primary School
Last Wed (6–7pm)

Southend Action Centre
Last Sat (11–12noon)



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Lochfield Primary School
2nd Wed (6–6.30pm)

Southend Action Centre
2nd Wed (7–7.30pm)

Glenburn Community Centre
4th Wed (6–7pm)



Ward 7

Paisley Southwest



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Brediland Primary School
1st Mon (7.15–8.15pm)



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Rivers Community Centre
1st Thurs (6.15–7pm)

Brediland Primary School
1st Thurs (7.15–8pm)

Langcraigs Primary School
2nd Thurs (6.15–7pm)



Lorraine Cameron
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Langcraigs Primary School
2nd Wed (6–7pm)

Foxbar Community Centre
Last Sat (11–12noon)

Ward 8

Johnstone South and Elderslie



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Elderslie Village Hall
2nd Thurs (6–7pm)

West Johnstone Shared Campus
4th Thurs (6.30–7.30pm)



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Elderslie Village Hall
2nd Sat (10.30–11.30am)



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Spateston Bowling Club
1st Thur (6–7pm)

Cochrane Castle Community
Centre 1st Fri (4.45–5.45pm)

St Paul's Church, North Rd,
Johnstone 1st Fri (6–7pm)

Elderslie Village Hall
3rd Fri (6–7pm)

Johnstone Castle Community
Centre 3rd Sat (10.30–12noon)



Andy Steel
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Johnstone Castle
Community Centre
1st & 3rd Thur (6.30–7.30pm)

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Johnstone North, Kilbarchan, Howwood and Lochwinnoch



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McKillop Institute, Lochwinnoch
1st Sat (9am–10am)

Howwood Village Hall
1st Sat (10am–11am)

Steeple Hall, Kilbarchan
1st Sat (11.00am–12noon)

Johnstone Town Hall
4th Thurs (6pm–7pm)



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Johnstone Town Hall
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Steeple Hall, Kilbarchan
2nd Sat (11.15–11.45am)

Howwood Village Hall
3rd Sat (10.30–11am)

McKillop Institute, Lochwinnoch
3rd Sat (11.15–11.45am)



Ward 10

Houston, Crosslee and Linwood



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Linwood High School
1st Thurs (7–7.30pm)

Carrick Centre, Houston
1st Sat (11.30–12noon)

Tweedie Hall, Linwood
3rd Tues (6.30–7pm)

Brookfield Village Hall
3rd Thurs (6.30–7pm)

alternates with Cllr Sheridan



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Howwood Village Hall
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Johnstone Town Hall
3rd Mon (6–7pm)

McKillop Institute, Lochwinnoch
4th Wed (6–7pm)



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Tweedie Hall
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Brookfield Village Hall
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2nd Wed (7.30–8.15pm)

Howwood Village Hall
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McKillop Institute, Lochwinnoch
4th Wed (7.30–8.15pm)

Ward 10

Houston, Crosslee and Linwood



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Brookfield Village Hall
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Linwood High School
4th Thurs (6.30–7pm)

Houston Village Hall
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Tweedie Hall, Linwood
3rd Tues (6.30–7pm)

Brookfield Village Hall
3rd Thurs (6.30–7pm)

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Ward 11

Bishopton, Bridge of Weir and Langbank



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The Bridge, Bridge of Weir
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Bishopton Community Library
1st Sat (11–11.30am)

Langbank Parish Church
1st Sat (12noon–12.30pm)



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Langbank Parish Church
1st Mon (6.30–7pm)

Cargill Hall
2nd Mon (6.30–7.00pm)

Bishopton Community Library
3rd Mon (6.30–7pm)



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Cargill Hall
3rd Sat (10–11am)

Bishopton Community Library
3rd Sat (12noon–1pm)

Ward 12

Erskine and Inchinnan



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Inchinnan Community
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2nd Tues (6.30–7.30pm)

Old Farmhouse, Erskine
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