

# SHARE MEMBER SUMMER NEWSLETTER 2023



CUNNINGHAME  
HOUSING ASSOCIATION

*Making Our Communities Better Places  
More than just a landlord*



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# ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING



CHA's Annual General Meeting will be held on Wednesday 6th September 2023 at 2:15pm in our Head Office, Quayside Offices, Marina Quay, Dock Road, Ardrossan KA22 8DA. You will receive your AGM pack in the post in the next week.

At the AGM you will receive a presentation covering a Review of the Year, which will highlight the activities of the Association over the past 12 months. In addition to this the Annual Audited Accounts will be formally presented for the period 1st April 2022 to 31st March 2023.



We very much hope that you can attend the AGM, to confirm your attendance please scan the QR code below. Alternatively, register your attendance and/or if you would like transport, please contact:

Kirsteen Wylie



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## DON'T LOSE YOUR MEMBERSHIP!

If you are unable to attend the Annual General Meeting on Wednesday 6th September 2023 then please let us know and we will submit your apologies.

Since the Association is a charity, we are required to adhere to the undernoted rules for all members:

### Rule 11.1 - Ending Your Membership

Your membership of the Association will end and the Board will cancel your share and record the ending of your membership in the Register of Members if:

#### Rule 11.1.3:

For five annual general meetings in a row you have not attended, submitted apologies, exercised a postal vote or appointed a representative to attend and vote on your behalf by proxy.

We will end your membership and cancel your share.

The value of the share will then belong to us with effect from the date of a Board resolution to that effect. The ending of your membership will be recorded in the Register of Members referred to in Rule 64.

# Making Our Communities Better Places

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## DUMFRIES AND GALLOWAY

### WIGTOWN FESTIVAL COMPANY

Alan Somerville, Senior Development Officer of Cunninghame Housing Association presented a cheque for £480 to Amy Johnston Stewart of Wigtown Festival Company.



Wigtown Festival Company is a charitable organisation run by a voluntary committee, based in Dumfries and Galloway. They aspire to make Dumfries & Galloway a better place to be a reader and writer – a place where literature changes lives, which is especially true for young people, where research proves that young readers become more successful in life.

*Pictured left to right: Alan Somerville, Senior Development Officer, CHA, Amy Johnston Stewart*

The funding supported by Cunninghame Housing Association supports the costs involved to hold the Big DoG Children's Book Festival which took place in Dumfries and Galloway from 31st March – 2nd April 2023. The festival is aimed at children aged 0-13 years and their families covering the whole of Dumfries & Galloway.

Lesley Keenan, Chairperson of CHA commented,

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“The Association are delighted to be supporting such a worthwhile event, promoting reading and writing to young people and their families, encouraging them to read together at home, possibly write their own stories and most importantly being inclusive to everyone”.

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## LOCHARBRIGGS PRIMARY SCHOOL PARENT COUNCIL

The Parent Council works in partnership between the school, its young people, the parents/carers, and the local community. Part of what they do is developing and engaging in activities which support the education and welfare of the pupils including fundraising.

*Pictured left to right: Alan Somerville, Senior Development Officer, Cunninghame Housing Association, Gemma Giebler, Chairperson and Vivien McClure, Secretary both of Locharbriggs Primary School Parent Council*



## ANNAN THE HISTORY TOWN GROUP

Annan The History Town Group is an active community group promoting Annan as the history town. They continually seek to promote the town, emphasising their rich heritage.

The funding provided by Cunninghame Housing Association assisted towards the Groups three 'Annan Through the Ages', exhibitions which is forming part of this year's Summer Festival – demonstrating the following themes: Independent Grocers and Supermarkets, School Memories and Industries and Buildings.

Lesley Keenan, Chairperson of CHA commented, "We are delighted to be able to provide financial support to Annan The History Town Group's Summer Festival. Following the success of previous years and the feedback they have received it has proven to become an important date in the calendar for the community, providing an enjoyable day for all whilst learning about the town's rich heritage."



*Pictured left to right: Malcolm Willacy, Val Russell, Graeme MacGregor – members of Annan The History Town Group, Alan Somerville – CHA, Peter Russel and Val Hensby – members of Annan The History Town Group*

# Making Our Communities Better Places

NORTH & EAST AYRSHIRE

## SALTCOATS COMMUNITY ACTION GROUP

Lesley Keenan, Chairperson of Cunninghame Housing Association presented a cheque for £1,000 to Alec Wilkie, Chairperson of the Saltcoats Community Action Group.

The Saltcoats Community Action Group has been running for many years, originally set up by the late Martha McNicol to provide Christmas Lights to Saltcoats which then evolved into the Christmas Carnival. The groups aim is to deliver the annual Christmas Carnival in Saltcoats with help from many local groups on the day such as ATC, Sea Cadets, and North Ayrshire Council Community Liaison Officers.

The aim of the group is to provide a day of fun and entertainment on the last Sunday of November allowing families to have a great day out in the town. The event provides a full day of free entertainment, which allows local artists and performers, dance schools and school bands to showcase themselves on the day. The Christmas Carnival event coincides with the towns Christmas Lights Switch On.

Alec Wilkie, Chairperson of the Saltcoats Community Action Group said, "Once again many thanks to all at CHA for your generous donation and it was an incredible day for everyone".

The funding provided by Cunninghame Housing Association helped subsidise part of the cost of the Fairground, the Action Group provided the Fairground for the day and then charged individuals a small fee allowing children to go on and off rides as they wished.

Lesley Keenan, Chairperson of CHA commented, "Given the current climate and the challenges people face we are delighted to be able to provide financial assistance to the Saltcoats Community Action Group supporting a fantastic day for the local community whilst taking away the huge expense for families."



*Pictured left to right: Lesley Keenan, Chairperson of Cunninghame Housing Association and Alec Wilkie, Chairperson of Saltcoats Community Action Group*

## KIERAN WALKER

Lesley Keenan, Chairperson of CHA presented a cheque for £1,000 to Kieran Walker, a young gymnast from Dalry, which is his 2nd year of a 3-year sponsorship award.

Kieran is 16 years of age and has been a gymnast for over 10 years, currently training 3 times a week after college at Inverclyde Leisure Center in Largs as well as taking part in many competitions across the UK and further afield. Kieran is part of a Team which have previously been Scottish Champions, first competing in 2019.

Over the past year Kieran has been busy competing as part of a newly formed Team in several competitions in June and October 2022, coming 3rd in both events which is a great achievement.



*Pictured left to right: Kieran Walker, Gymnast, Lesley Keenan, Chairperson of CHA*

**Lesley Keenan, Chairperson of CHA commented: “The Association are delighted to support Kieran on his sporting journey of being a gymnast and helping achieve his full potential in a sport that he loves ”.**

## TASS THISTLE FOOTBALL CLUB 2015'S

Tass Thistle FC is a community club which was established in 1984 and have team members ranging from 5 – 16 years old, with both boys and girls representing in Local Leagues and Cups. The team carries out their own fundraising where they can however this proves to be more and more difficult given the current climate.

The Association provided financial support to the 2015 team to assist with the purchase of new training kits for the young players, alleviating the financial burden for the Club and the parents. The young players train twice a week and play most weekends therefore the kits will prove very useful.

Lesley Keenan, Chairperson of CHA commented, “the Association are pleased to support Tass Thistle Football Club 2015's which encourages young people to stay fit and healthy whilst teaching them how to work as a team and build social skills”.



# New Build Developments



## BRIDGEHOUSEHILL ROAD, KILMARNOCK

Following the opening ceremony held at Bridgehousehill Road, Kilmarnock in August 2022, work is now well underway with the first modules arriving on site earlier this year and craned into place.

This modular house development is the first project of this type that has been undertaken by the Association and the largest modular construction project for Connect Modular with a Registered Social Landlord.

101 homes



10 amenity  
bungalows



5 wheelchair  
accessible



The housing mix comprises a mixture of two-, three- and four-bedroom general needs houses, together with 10 amenity bungalows and 5 bungalows designed for wheelchair users.

The £17m project is being delivered by Cunninghame Housing Association with the support of the Scottish Government and East Ayrshire Council.



## GREEN STREET, SALTCOATS

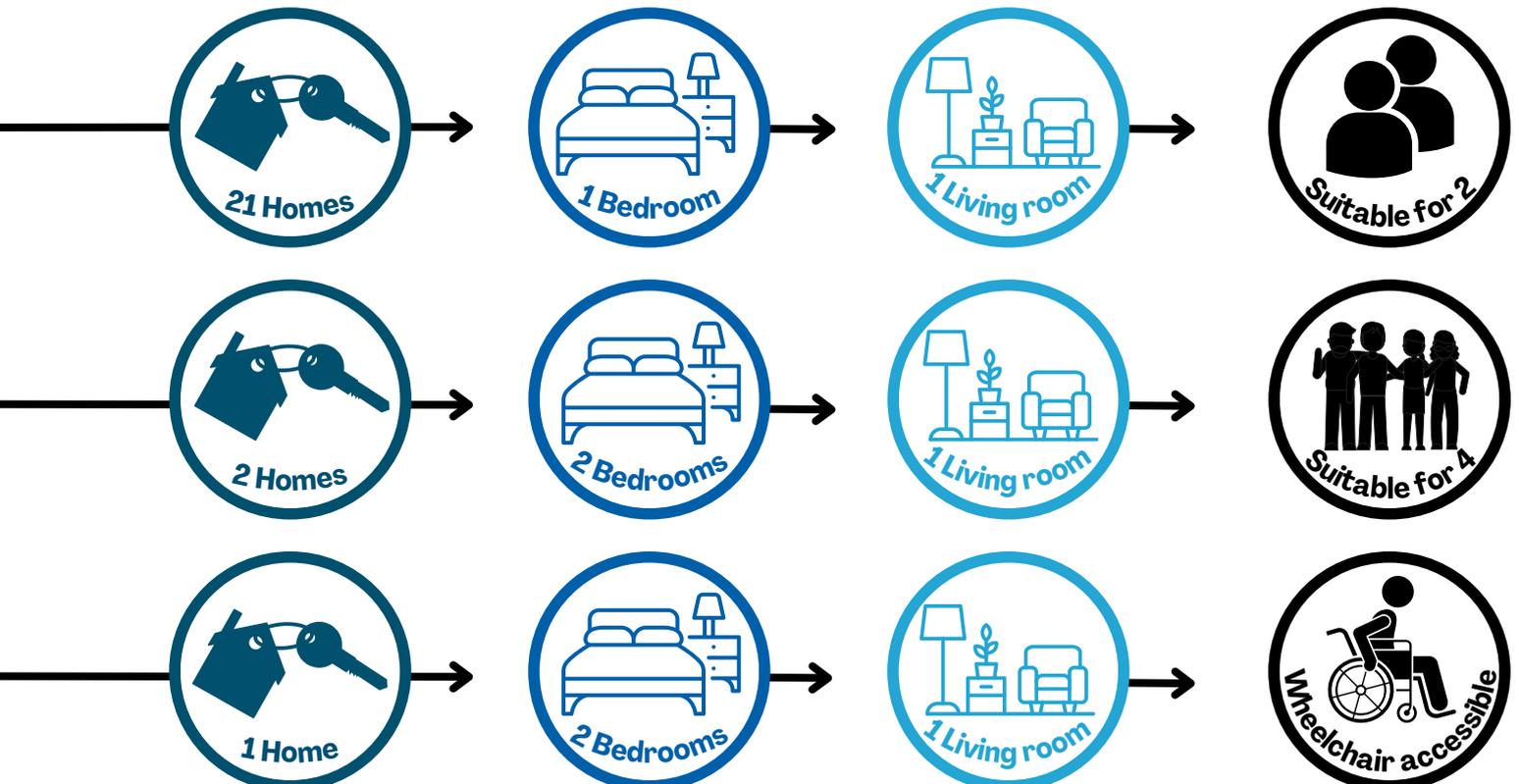
The latest CHA development at Green Street / Vernon Street in Saltcoats town centre is nearing its completion.

Designed to Housing for Varying Needs standards, the new homes are fully accessible and barrier free.

Work on the £3.58 million project commenced on site in April 2022 and was supported by £ 2.05 million of grant funding from Scottish Government and a £ 215,000 contribution from North Ayrshire Council.



The sprinkler systems in all apartments, together with the highest standards of Secure by Design, should enable a safe and secure environment for the new tenants.



## LEMON AID

Over the course of 2022/23 we assisted/issued the following to CHA tenants;



**501**

Households  
assisted



**505**

Fuel vouchers  
issued



**£24,525**

Value of  
vouchers



**50**

Debt grants  
provided



**£40,000**

Amount of  
debt reduced



## CUNNINGHAME FURNITURE RECYCLING COMPANY

Over the course of 2022/23 we have:



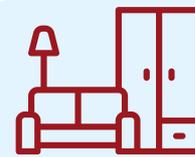
Diverted 295.6  
tonnes from  
landfill



Assisted 3740  
households



Sustained 18  
jobs



13500 items  
donated

## DONATED MATTRESSES 2022/23

**261**

Diverted  
from landfill



**6344**

Tonnage diverted  
from landfill



**£24,525**

Mattresses  
reused



**50**

Co2 emissions  
saved (KG's)



**£40,000**

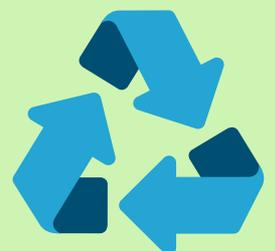
Mattresses  
recycled



## GOING PAPERLESS

We are now emailing the Share Membership Newsletter to all Share Members who have provided an email address. This saves on printing and postage and is available at the click of a finger!

If you would like to provide your email address for the next issue or would still like to receive a paper copy, please contact Kirsteen Wyllie on 01294 607572



## CHRISTMAS COMPETITION WINNERS



Christopher Austin,  
Annan



Elizabeth Shedden,  
West Kilbride



Moira Bingham,  
Saltcoats

## SUMMER COMPETITION 2023 - HOLIDAY DESTINATIONS

Scan the QR code to enter online. You can also take a photo of your answers and email it to Kirsteen Wyllie- [kwyllie@chaltd.org](mailto:kwyllie@chaltd.org) with your name, address and phone number, or you can post your answers to CHA Head Office, Marina Quay, Dock Road, Ardrossan, KA22 3DA  
Prizes are:



**£30**



**£20**



**£10**

Destination	Answer
TIAYL	
ADIBU	
PNIAS	
OTULGAPR	
ALFIDOR	
TEGYP	
ERAFNC	
SAL SAVGE	
LAIECDN	
NLONOD	

# INVESTORS IN PEOPLE®

We invest in people Platinum

- PLATINUM 27TH APRIL 2023

The Association are delighted to announce that formal notice was received from IIP that we have been re-accredited with Investors in People Platinum. This is a great achievement for the Association and reflects the hard work and commitment of all staff involved.

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# £1 SHARE MEMBERSHIP



**THE ASSOCIATION ARE LOOKING TO INCREASE ITS £1 SHARE MEMBERSHIPS**



Are you interested in becoming a member of the Association?

Do you want to find out more about what being a member means?



**INFORMATION ON ELIGIBLE CRITERIA AND APPLICATION FORMS CAN BE FOUND ON OUR WEBSITE OR SCAN THE QR CODE.**