



CUNNINGHAME
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Share Members' Edition

WHAT'S IN THIS EDITION?

WELCOME to the Christmas 2021 edition of our Share Members' newsletter which will give you details of the Association's news. A particular welcome to our new Share Members – we hope you enjoy the newsletter and will enter our competition.

Annual General Meeting
Long Service Awards
Making Our Communities Better Places Fund
New Build Developments
...and much more!

Annual General Meeting

CHA's Annual General Meeting was held on Wednesday 8th September 2021 at 2.15pm in our Head Office, Quayside Offices, Marina Quay, Dock Road, Ardrossan. The AGM as ever, was very well attended, the Board of Management and Office Bearers for 2021-2022 is as follows:-

Office Bearers



John Kelly
Chairperson



Janet Strang
Vice Chair



Lesley Keenan
Company Secretary

Board of Management



Willie Gibson



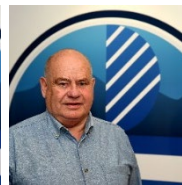
Brenda Johnstone



Liam Loudon



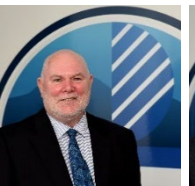
June Fenelon



John Nisbet



John McLaren



Brian McCabe



Drew Hall



Elizabeth
Shedden



Margaret Davison



Councillor Jimmy
Miller
North Ayrshire Council
Rep



Councillor Jim
McMahon
East Ayrshire Council
Rep

CHA'S e-CHRISTMAS CARD



This year CHA has an e-Christmas Card to wish all our customers and visitors the compliments of the season. You can access our e-Card via following link: -

<https://www.cunninghame-housing.org/merry-christmas-2021/>

CHRISTMAS OFFICE CLOSURE

All CHA's offices will close on
Wednesday 22nd December 2021 at 5 pm and re-open on
Thursday 6th January 2021 at 9.00 am

**We wish you all a Merry Christmas
and a very Happy New Year!**

**MAKING OUR COMMUNITIES
BETTER PLACES**

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GENERAL NEWS

Long Service Awards 2021

Cunninghame Housing Association held its annual Staff and Board of Management Long Service Awards Ceremony at The Waterside Hotel, West Kilbride on Friday 26th November 2021.

Four members of staff received awards this year:

10 Years' Service:

- James Hillan
- Christopher Johnstone

15 Years' Service:

- Peter Anzuino
- Lisa Rourke

As part of the evening, charity events were held to raise money for the local North Ayrshire Foodbank and The Salvation Army, Saltcoats.

The Association were pleased to raise a total of £5,259.50 which was split between the 2 charities.

The Association presented a cheque for £2,000 along with toys to The Salvation Army (Saltcoats) Christmas Toy Appeal 2021 who work tirelessly to make a difference to families' lives in Ayrshire.

Janice McCarthy, Salvation Army (Saltcoats) commented "We are so thankful to Cunninghame Housing Association, for everything received for all the needy children to give them some cheer at Christmas."

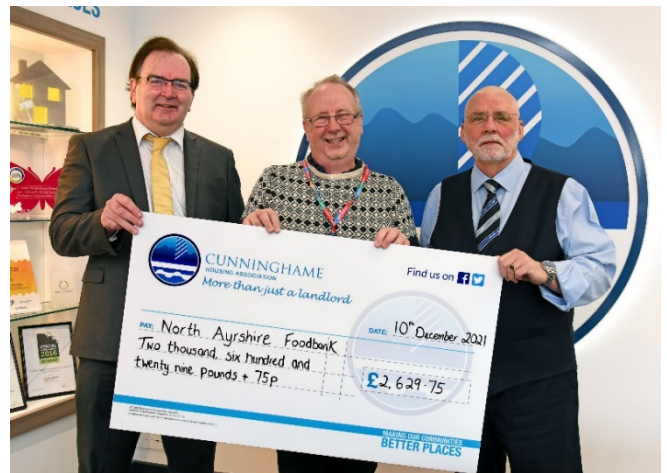


Janice McCarthy, The Salvation Army, Saltcoats receiving a cheque from Allison McColl, Executive Director of Finance & Corporate Services, John Kelly, CHA Chairperson and staff.

Cunninghame Housing Association also presented a cheque for £2,629.75 to Craig Crosthwaite of the North Ayrshire Foodbank to contribute towards food hampers over the festive period to families and individuals in need.

Craig Crosthwaite, North Ayrshire Foodbank Co-ordinator commented, "Once again thank you for the compassion and kindness from CHA staff and Board members. The money received will help local people at a time that can be very difficult for many."

The presentations took place at the Association's Quayside Offices, Ardrossan on 10th December 2021.



Craig Crosthwaite, North Ayrshire Foodbank receiving cheque from John Kelly, CHA Chairperson and Frank Sweeney, Group CEO

The Associations Executive Director of Finance & Corporate Services Allison McColl commented "The Association is delighted to be able to make these presentations to The Salvation Army (Saltcoats) Christmas Toy Appeal 2021 and North Ayrshire Foodbank. We hope this helps make a difference to people over the festive period."

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Making Our Communities Better Places Fund

The Board of Management were pleased to agree at their meeting of 13th May 2021 that they would reopen the Making Our Communities Better Places Fund for 2021/22 following the Scottish Governments decision to ease restrictions therefore allowing community projects/groups to function once again.

On Monday 9th August 2021 John Kelly, Chairperson of Cunninghame Housing Association presented a cheque for £1,000 to Brooke Neely, a young boxer from Ardrossan, as part of a 3-year sponsorship.

Brooke who boxes with Irvine Vineburgh Boxing Club, is also a member of the Scotland National Team. She is also the youngest member of the Boxing Scotland Elite Boxing Group. Brooke's training is split between Irvine Vineburgh and the Boxing Scotland High Performance Centre in Bridgeton, Glasgow. Prior to Covid-19 restrictions, Brooke was called up by her country to compete at the European Schools Championships in Tblisi, Georgia in 2019.



Pictured left to right: Frank Sweeney, Group CEO of CHA, Brooke Neely, Boxer, John Kelly, Chairperson of CHA

Brooke was selected to join elite athletes in Serbia for a 2-week training camp and also travelled to Birmingham for a boxing match with the English champion where she beat her on her home ground.

Brooke's goal is to compete at the Commonwealth Games 2026 as well as the Olympics.

John Kelly, Chairperson of CHA commented, "We are delighted to be sponsoring Brooke who is a great ambassador for her sport."

The sponsorship money that Brooke has received from the Association has meant she has been able to purchase new equipment and assists with her travel expenses to Glasgow 4 times a week for her training as part of the Scotland Elite Boxing Group.

On Monday 4th October 2021 Janet Strang, Vice Chairperson of Cunninghame Housing Association presented a cheque for £1,000 to Craig Simpson, Football Coach of the Kilwinning Football Academy 2008's team.



Pictured: Craig Simpson, Football Coach, Janet Strang, Vice Chairperson of CHA along with the football team.

The Kilwinning Football Academy 2008's team is a registered charity that provides football, nutrition and wellbeing to young children in North Ayrshire. The Academy currently has over 300 children registered and encourages them to eat healthy, exercise, develop positive relationships with others and to promote their confidence and skills.

Janet Strang, Vice Chairperson of CHA commented, "I was really pleased to present the cheque to Kilwinning Football Academy 2008's on behalf of Cunninghame Housing Association as Craig and his team do a great job with the boys and they recently received an award for 'Fair Play,' therefore, a big congratulations to them for that too."

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On Friday 12th November 2021 John Kelly, Chairperson of Cunninghame Housing Association, along with the Group Chief Executive, Frank Sweeney, presented a cheque for £1,000 to Julie Pepper and Louisa Currie, members of the Annan Christmas Lights Committee.

The Annan Christmas Lights Committee is a small group of 8 volunteers who all live locally with the aim of providing Annan with Christmas Lights and to host an annual switch on event where children can see Santa. They meet once a month to plan the event and discuss ways of raising money that will ensure Annan continue to benefit from such an event year after year.



Pictured left to right: Louisa Currie, Annan Christmas Lights Committee, John Kelly, Chairperson of CHA, Julie Pepper, Chairperson, Christmas Lights Committee, Frank Sweeney, Group CEO of CHA

Julie Pepper, Chairperson of the Annan Christmas Lights Committee commented, "Annan Christmas Lights Committee would sincerely like to thank Cunninghame Housing Association for their generous donation. It has been hard to do fund raising during the pandemic restrictions so this will help in the purchasing of replacement lights that have seen better days".

John Kelly, Chairperson of CHA commented, "We are delighted to support Annan's "Christmas Lights Committee this year to help replace lighting and provide Annan with the Christmas Lights they deserve, especially raising restricted pandemic".



On Wednesday 6th October 2021 John Kelly, Chairperson of Cunninghame Housing Association presented a cheque for £1,000 to Allan Paton, Treasurer and Hugh McLanachan, Vice Chairperson of the Mauchline Holy Fair Event.

The Mauchline Holy Fair Event is historically a community event, celebrating the heritage and history of Mauchline. Today, it is now one of the biggest events in East Ayrshire and engenders community spirit and pride in the village and surrounding area. The event consists of stalls, entertainers, funfairs and much more, with the help of many volunteers on the day itself. The event is arranged by a voluntary committee who in their own time apply for grants/donations and fundraise to ensure the community and anyone attending the Holy Fair enjoys the day.

John Kelly, Chairperson of Cunninghame Housing Association commented, "What a wonderful event to fund and support, looking forward to attending the event."



Allan Paton, Treasurer of the Mauchline Holy Fair commented, "The Mauchline Holy Fair Committee are extremely grateful for the funding received from Cunninghame Housing Association towards the costs of staging the Holy Fair Event. It enables us to continue with the century's old tradition of the Holy Fair, maintaining links to the past and engaging all age groups in moving the Holy Fair forward into the future. The generosity shown by Cunninghame Housing Association shows their genuine interest in being involved in the areas that they are working in and very much living up to their ethos of being "More than just a Landlord."

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Academy Place, Lockerbie

In October 2021, a closing ceremony was held to mark the completion of 45 new homes on the former Lockerbie Academy site including 3 wheelchair adapted properties and 9 amenity flats. Prior to CHA's Lockerbie Academy development, no new social housing or housing for varying needs had been built in Lockerbie since the 1980's.



Total investment in the project was £8m. Works costs were £6.7m with £4.2m from the Scottish Governments Housing Association Grant (HAG). CHA contributed almost £3m in private finance and the project further benefited from £162,198 from Dumfries & Galloway Councils Town Centre Living Fund.



Through the main contractor, Ashleigh Construction, the project also created a number of employment opportunities including an Assistant Project Manager, Driver, 2 joiner trade apprenticeships and 2 modern

apprentices. Sub-contractors were also able to start 3 apprentice electricians and 3 apprentice plumbers/heating engineers. 70% of the works were delivered by local supply chains which means that based on a £6.7m work cost, almost £4.5m stayed within the local economy.

Councillor Archie Dryburgh, for Annandale and East Eskdale, said, "It's really important to see these 45 houses come to fruition here in Lockerbie. Cunninghame came in about 4 or 5 years ago in Dumfries and Galloway and they've basically proved what they said they would do; they would be coming here to deliver, and they have delivered, not only here in Lockerbie but in Gretna and Annan as well."



Pictured left to right: Frank Sweeney, Group Chief Executive of CHA, John Nisbet, Board Member CHA, Elizabeth Shedden, Board Member CHA, Lesley Keenan, Company Secretary CHA, Cllr Jimmy Miller, NAC Board Member Representative for CHA, Councillor Archie Dryburgh (Annandale East and Eskdale, Rt Hon David Mundell, MP for Dumfriesshire, Janet Strang, Vice Chairperson CHA, Brian McCabe, Board Member CHA, Drew Hall, Board Member CHA.

The Rt Hon David Mundell, MP for Dumfriesshire attended to officially mark the completion of the 45 new homes, who commented, "It's a great day for Lockerbie in my view. We're seeing the old secondary school site having been redeveloped with 45 new houses by Cunninghame Housing – great accommodation for people of all ages and backgrounds available to rent on what was an eyesore site."

More information can be found on the CHA website:

[Academy Place, Lockerbie - Cunninghame Housing Association \(cunninghame-housing.org\)](https://www.cunninghame-housing.org/)

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Cunninghame Housing Association Headline Sponsor of the Dumfries & Galloway Life Awards 2021

Cunninghame Housing Association was proud to partner with Dumfries & Galloway Life as the headline sponsor for the 2021 Dumfries & Galloway Life Awards 2021.



The Dumfries & Galloway Life Awards is an opportunity to say, 'thank you' or 'well done' and to help honour those people who deserve recognition for the work they do to create a better community and world for us all.

Frank Sweeney, Group CEO of CHA commented, "In a year like no other it was fantastic to be back at the magnificent Easterbrook Hall in Dumfries with Dumfries & Galloway Life delivering the awards in a very professional and friendly way."

Cunninghame Housing Association Finalists at CIH Scotland Housing Awards 2021



Cunninghame Housing Association were pleased to be selected as finalists at the CIH Scotland Housing Awards 2021 which were held in the Doubletree by Hilton, Glasgow on Thursday 25th November 2021.

Over a period of real challenge, the Scottish Housing Sector has continued to provide vital services and support to communities. The

Scotland Housing Awards represents an opportunity to recognise, showcase, celebrate and share the incredible and inspirational work.

The Association were shortlisted in the following 3 categories:

- **Working in Partnership** – Partnership/Gretna FC 2008 Project: Partner Organisation: Raydale Community Partnership
- **Excellence in Tenant Scrutiny** – CHA: Cunninghame Scrutiny Group
- **Excellence in Regeneration** – CHA: Lockerbie Academy and Old School Regeneration Project

Unfortunately, on this occasion the Association did not win an award.

Summer Newsletter Competition Winners



All correct summer newsletter competition entries received were put in a hat and the first three winners were pulled as follows:

- 1st Prize - £30.00 – Sandra Clark, Largs
- 2nd Prize - £20.00 – Fay Schlesiger, Stevenston
- 3rd Prize - £10.00 – Elizabeth Martin, Stevenston

Why not have a go at our Christmas newsletter competition!

Get Social with us!

To stay updated on all that's going on at CHA, please like & follow our Facebook page and check out our website. It's updated regularly with news, events and our new build developments in North & East Ayrshire and Dumfries & Galloway.

