

Share Member NEWSLETTER

December, 2023



CUNNINGHAM
HOUSING ASSOCIATION

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

Welcome

Welcome to the December 2023 edition of our Share Members' newsletter.

Remember to take the chance to enter our Christmas competition!

£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.

Keep In Touch

☎ 01294 468 360

📘 Scan the QR code to follow us on Facebook



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Scan the QR code to view the 2023 Christmas card



Office Closure

All CHA's offices will close on Thursday 21st December 2023 at 5:00 pm and re-open on Thursday 4th January 2024 at 9:00 am.

Cunninghame Housing Association would like to wish you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Board of Management

2023/24

CHA's Annual General meeting was held on Wednesday 6th September 2023 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 2023-2024 are as follows:-

Office Bearers



Chair
Janet Strang



Vice Chair
Brenda Johnstone



Secretary
Drew Hall

Board of Management Members



William
Gibson



Margaret
Davison



John
Nisbet



Elizabeth
Shedden



Cllr. Stephen
Canning



Liam
Loudon



Brian
McCabe



June
Fenelon



John
Kelly



Cllr. Eleanor
Collier

Board of Management Vacancies

The Association currently has vacancies on the Board of Management and will be advertising to fill these positions during January 2024. We will be looking to complement our existing skill set to ensure we have a well-rounded Board of Management. Watch out for our advert in January 2024!

Making Our Communities Better Places

The Association's Chairperson, Janet Strang and Alan Somerville, Senior Development Officer recently presented Making Our Communities funding cheques to the following groups and individuals during October 2023:

Choose Kilwinning



Royal Burgh of Annan Pipe Band



St Peter's Children's Centre
Toddler Group



Dominik Czopek



Olivia Fisher



Josh Stewart



Tidelines Book Festival



Eastriggs Community Group



New Build Development

Garven Road, Stevenston

In September 2023, Councillor Marie Burns, Leader of North Ayrshire Council carried out the official commencement ceremony of Cunninghame Housing Association's new build development at Garven Road in Stevenston.

CHA's Board of Management, Linda Anderson, Acting Group CEO, Councillor Marie Burns and invited guests gathered to mark the occasion at Garven Road, Stevenston. The land formerly housed Ardeer Primary School – which has lain derelict since it was demolished in the 1980's.

The Association secured grant funding to support the new build development project in August 2023 allowing the Association to accept the tender submitted by Ashleigh Scotland Limited, with work beginning on site in September 2023.

The project will deliver a total of 20 new affordable homes with expected completion of the development in late summer 2024.



The new homes will consist of:



17 general needs homes (2 bed)



1 x general needs (3 bed)



1 x amenity bungalow (2 bed)



1 x wheelchair bungalow (2 bed)

Long Service Awards

December, 2023

Cunninghame Housing Association recently celebrated its long serving staff with an awards ceremony recognising those who've worked with the Association for 10, 15, 20 and 25 years. A total of 8 staff members were recognised, (including Liam Watters not pictured) who between them have a total of 125 years of experience working with the Association



Left to Right: Carolann Rennie, John Scott, John Bruce, Mark Workman, Janet Strang – Chairperson, Joanna Thomson, Ian Macpherson and Collette Smith - Liam Watters also received an award but was not in attendance.

The recipients were invited to receive their awards on Friday 1st December 2023 at the Association's Head Office along with the Chairperson and fellow Board members. Staff were presented with their awards by the Chair, Janet Strang followed by a buffet lunch which proved to be an enjoyable afternoon for all in attendance.

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It was a privilege to celebrate the service, commitment and skills of staff who've shown their loyalty to the Association over many years.

-Janet Strang, Chair of the Association

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Festive Cheer!

The Association is spreading joy and kindness and embracing the true spirit of Christmas this year with a series of heartwarming initiatives aimed at bringing festive support to our tenants.

Christmas Tea Dance



A Christmas Tea Dance was held on Friday 8th December 2023 in North West Bowling Club, Kilmarnock, where tenants enjoyed festive music and activities.

Christmas Themed Family Event

Working in partnership with the Ardrossan Tenants Association we held a family Christmas event on Sunday 10th December 2023 in St Mary's Parish, Saltcoats. The event was designed to bring smiles to the faces of families in our community. A professional party entertainer captivated and delighted both young and old with an array of entertaining activities.



Tenant Festive Advent Calendar Giveaway



A festive advent calendar giveaway has been launched and is running from 1st – 21st December 2023. The digital celebration has been designed to bring daily support to our valued tenants and ease the financial burden associated with this time of year.



Each day, a tenant is selected at random to receive a supermarket voucher ranging from £50-£150!! To view the online advent calendar please go to our website or scan the QR code.

Cash for Kids

The Association are supporting the Mission Christmas Campaign for Cash for Kids this year. Staff are being very generous by donating lots of toys in support of the campaign, providing many children with some joy this Christmas.



Foodbank Donation

The Association is also delighted to be supporting the North Ayrshire Foodbank again this year by donating much needed food to the charity. Christmas is a time of giving and supporting those in need and we hope our donations help those who need it most.

Investor In People Awards

The Association is delighted to announce that we have been re-accredited with Investors in People Platinum this year. This was a great achievement for the Association and a credit to the staff!

INVESTORS IN PEOPLE®
We invest in people Platinum

Dumfries & Galloway Life Awards

Cunninghame Housing Association proudly sponsored the Young Community Champion of the Year at this year's Dumfries & Galloway Life Awards which took place at Easterbrook Hall, Dumfries on Friday 10th November 2023. The Association's Head of Social & Economic Development, Scott Mould was proud to present the award to a remarkable young leader, Edward Ryan.



Edward selflessly dedicated a portion of his school holidays when creating a short film that showcased the vibrant essence of the A' the Airts Community Arts Centre in Sanquhar. His film not only highlighted the physical space but also captured the spirit of inclusivity by engaging individuals of all ages and abilities.

Healthy Working Lives

Staff recently completed the North Ayrshire Athletics Club 10k raising a total of £196 for the Ayrshire Hospice which is the Association's nominated charity this year.



Outstanding Contribution to Tenant Participation

The Association are thrilled to announce that Ian Macpherson, Community Engagement & Participation Officer, was awarded 'Outstanding Contribution to Tenant Participation (Housing Staff)' at the recent TiS Awards. The award was sponsored by the Scottish Government and recognised Ian's exceptional dedication and commitment to advancing tenant participation practices within the housing sector.



Ian's achievements reflect his passion for enhancing tenant participation within the housing sector. His innovative strategies, coupled with a profound understanding of tenants wants and needs, have set a benchmark for excellence in fostering meaningful engagement between housing staff and tenants.



Summer Competition Newsletter Winners:



Catherine Donnelly
Ardrossan



Moiria Bingham
Saltcoats



Margaret Brown
Largs

Christmas Competition

Enter the festive anagram competition below for a chance to win a prize! You can take a photo of your answers and email it to Kirsteen Wyllie - 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 by Monday 8th of January 2024.

Prizes are:



£30



£20



£10

Anagram	Answer
ELSITOTEM	
TANAS	
BOLLSAWN	
AIDHOLY ENOSSA	
TINYVITA	
FYIMAL	
COGKNITS	
PPYAH MARSHTIC	
SIGLTH	
RDSAC	

Name:

Tel:

Address: