



Crail Matters



*Crail: The Jewel of
the East Neuk*

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Bow Butts Crowdfunding - as of the 17th October Crail Community Partnership (CCP) are close to 95% of their target of £3,000, with an additional £575 of manual donations. CCP have a stretch target of £4500 which would allow them to do more planting, perhaps add a bench (or 2), and/or purchase equipment to maintain the areas of land they are acquiring.

For that final push, if you want to contribute go to [here](#) .

Crail Kirk at Sunset
Colin Morrison



Call for Volunteers Victoria Gardens

Could you help on Saturday 24th at 10am to clear out the bedding and put the gardens to bed for the winter?

Crail Matters has been informed that a cat was poisoned in or near to Rose Wynd. Anyone with information about this should contact Police Scotland, who have been informed of the incident.

Found: Pair of binoculars on coastal path near Crail. Contact David Fraser 07985097461

F

Face coverings

A

Avoid crowded places

C

Clean hands regularly

T

Two metre distance

S

Self-isolate and book a test if you have symptoms

Charlie Head - Paddleboarder



As observed by the ever-vigilant Seagull last week, Crail was privileged to be visited by adventurer, Charlie Head, who is paddleboarding around the Scottish coastline raising money for Dare2express.org mental health charity. Solo and unsupported as [#sustainable](#) as possible, zero [#footprint](#) Charlie arrived in Crail on Friday, 2nd October having paddled across the Firth of Forth from Dunbar and camped overnight on the beach at the harbour.

Unfortunately, the tide was higher than expected that night and Charlie and all his gear were soaked through. Charlie said, “Thank you so much to Alex Reid and his master seamstress wife, Joan, for sewing up my mended and re-mended adventure jeans. These guys have been with me from the beginning and will make it with me right up until the end!! Thanks again for looking after me so kindly after my kit wash out! Its amazing what you find when you get to know a little community like Crail.” Charlie added, “Keith Hutchon who is the local butcher and in his spare time, dog sleds for Scotland! I’ve never interacted with a team of dogs this way and it was an experience! So lovely to connect and to learn about.” Charlie now has ‘Crail’ embroidered by Joan on his adventure jeans.



Having paddled 1800km along the Amazon in September 2015 as part of a documentary for Red Bull TV, this time Charlie is planning to stay in the UK and complete his circumnavigation of the British coastline. In 2012 Charlie paddled unsupported from Land’s End to London, and now he’s hoping to complete that journey by paddling the remainder of the UK. Charlie always enjoys a good adventure, but he’s not just doing this latest paddle challenge for himself. As well as exploring every inch of the British coastline, meeting new people and discovering new places along the way, Charlie is also hoping to raise awareness of mental health issues and the detrimental effect of plastics in the ocean, something Charlie is very passionate about whilst both on and off the water. Charlie will be carrying out beach cleans along the way, inviting local communities to join in.

This is a new challenge for Charlie and will test his physical and mental endurance. With only limited food supplies (whatever he can carry on-board) and no cash Charlie will be relying on the generosity of his supporters and the general public to keep him fuelled on his way. Whether that’s by offering him a comfy bed for the night, a good breakfast, hot shower or some paddling company for a short leg of the journey!

You can find out more about Charlie and his adventure around Scotland at: <https://charlieheadsop.com/> and track his journey at: <https://www.geosup.com/live-share/?i=2802>

Children's Hearings Scotland has a range of volunteering opportunities! We are currently looking for Panel Practice Advisors in Fife to maintain the high quality of our Panel Member practice through observation and feedback. You would also be responsible for selecting and recommending

CHS is recruiting for
**Panel Practice
Advisors**

Panel Members for appointment by the National Convener.

Find out more and apply today [here](#). Closing date for Applications: Friday 23rd October 2020.

WILD CRAIL

Will Cresswell

Photographs John Anderson

except Ivy and Butterfly by Will Cresswell



Things have quietened down a lot after the very busy last couple of weeks. The Siberian thrush was last seen on Monday the 5th, and the Blyth's reed warbler and the arctic warbler were last seen on Thursday the 8th. On the 10th I only found a brambling in the Patch at Fife Ness, and lower Kilminning almost nothing, even the blackcaps had gone. Upper Kilminning was a bit better, still with at least two yellow-browed warblers and some chiffchaffs. One chiffchaff I saw well was very grey brown and buff in tones, lacking any yellow or greenish on it, with brownish ear coverts: it looked just like a Siberian chiffchaff but I didn't hear the clinching call. After a good fall in autumn things hang around, sometimes



Blackcap

for weeks. We are not like the May island where there is no real cover or food for the birds brought down there, so they almost always move on after a day or two. But we have had a few clear nights recently and light winds so this time most things have left more quickly.

Last weekend I went in search of two birds to see if I could beat my year list record. I got up to 167 with the Blyth's reed warbler, one short of the record. First, I went to Kingsbarns to wander over the stubble fields to the north of the village and the golf course. I put up a few skylarks in the stubble and then found a field of kale that has been left to grow weedy cover all summer. It was full of small birds: reed buntings, yellowhammers, some corn buntings, house and tree sparrows, dunnocks, linnets and at least 4 twite – my first target bird. These fields have twite in them about one winter in three, so I was pleased to find them again. And the year list equalled! There was also an immature wheatear on the beach to remind me how few summer migrants there are about now. I haven't seen a swallow for two weeks now.

For my second target bird, I tried the stubble field between Balcomie Caravan Park and the north section of the airfield where I had lots of skylarks and the snow bunting a week ago. I again put up a lot of skylarks, some corn buntings and meadow pipits and finally a Lapland bunting took off in front of me, calling distinctively and circling above my head showing some of its black and chestnut patterning on its head as it sped by. The year list record broken. I was taking a year off from trying to get a big year list – I think every other year is about right otherwise it can be a bit of a chore rather than a joy. But lockdown and its paradoxical effect on me spending more time out birding has kept the birds coming all year – and then the spell of easterlies added 15 new species in a week.



Great Spotted Woodpecker

I checked out Denburn Wood a few times last week. It was full of birds. A big mixed flock of blue, great, coal and long-tailed tits, treecreepers, a great spotted woodpecker and a chiffchaff. I suspect a few things were overlooked here in the last two weeks with all the focus of attention on Kilminning. I had a good look at the huge ivy on the kirkyard wall adjacent to Denburn. It was gloriously in flower. With ivy this is not a showy thing.

Their flowers are very subtle. But the insects love them as one of the only sources of late



autumn nectar. The kirkyard ivy was covered in red admiral butterflies. Ivies often get a bad press but they are a great woodland cover plant, and a great food source in the autumn for birds attracted to the insects and also the berries.

Autumn Ivy migration the night before with light north westerly winds and lots of stars.

On such nights we lose the vagrants but gain the normal winter visitors. The following morning there was a new fieldfare, more redwings and more blackcaps. At least one yellow-browed warbler and some of the chiffchaffs were still present. This autumn has been great for blackcaps, with the highest numbers I have ever seen here. Some of the elder bushes have had nearly double figures in them.

A tight flock of 25 thrushes flew over my head along Kirkwynd and headed into Denburn late afternoon on the 12th. The rain had just stopped and they had obviously just come in off the sea. I glanced up at them expecting more redwings, but they had orange rather than red underwings – song thrushes.

Because we have song thrushes in Crail all year round, it is easy to overlook song thrushes as migrants. But at this time of year, like the blackbirds and robins, most of the song thrushes around are in from Scandinavia for the winter.



Song Thrush

The easterly winds were back on the 13th, with rain overnight and the day before. They continued for the rest of the week. I only managed to have a quick look at the sea just after dawn that morning from my house. With the strong north-easterly, everything was passing close in to Crail, sheltering as much as possible. I counted 500 auks passing in 4 minutes. They were mostly razorbills with a small proportion of guillemots. I watched for thirty minutes and they kept coming, making close to 4,000 coming by, all heading doggedly out of the Forth. There was a steady passage of sooty shearwaters, 19 in the half hour, and a few manx shearwaters. I should think there was a grey phalarope out there as well and I wish I had been watching from Fife Ness.

On the 14th and 15th there were a lot of common migrants coming in steadily but nothing exceptional. The most unusual was a Siberian chiffchaff calling from the top of Kilminning, a perfect example of its characteristic sad call, repeated for about a minute but I couldn't get a good look at it. That makes a perfect call and a perfect sighting, but sadly not simultaneously: anyway I'm happy that there is/was a Siberian chiffchaff at upper Kilminning, present on the 10th and the 14th, in the same group of trees, so I would think the same bird. In terms of common migrants, the thrushes were still coming in. Blackbirds, redwings, fieldfares, song thrushes and mistle thrushes. Not in spectacular numbers and surprisingly no ring ouzels to make the set. Warbler wise, some chiffchaffs, blackcaps and lots of goldcrests. There were a few brambling that morning. There were several great spotted woodpeckers at the Patch and Kilminning suggesting that they are coming in as migrants too: some without rings have been caught at Fife Ness this week. The few resident great spotted woodpeckers were caught a long time ago and already have rings on their legs. A jay was reported from Kilminning on the same afternoon. Another likely migrant coming in from Scandinavia because jays are rarer out at Fife Ness than red-breasted flycatchers.

Do Try This At Home

As the pandemic continues to rumble on, Scotland's Nature Agency (*NatureScot*) this week re-publicised its web page about Citizen Science projects (<https://www.nature.scot/scotlands-biodiversity/biodiversity-what-can-you-do/citizen-science-biodiversity>). There's a wide range of projects available, and most of them don't require any previous knowledge. The surveys cover plants as well as lots of different types of animals.

Even if you don't want to venture far as the nights draw in, and the temperature drops, there are still projects for you. Several of these can be carried out indoors (often involving counting how many things you can see), and some only require you to venture as far as your garden.

And for those who just want to learn more, the bottom section of the page has a list of useful resources that include virtual visits, and on-line learning.



Speckled Wood Butterfly in Denburn Wood.



Colin Morrison

ATTENTION ALL BOOKWORMS

I am not planning anything too ambitious at present but hope to have Books in the Boat outside the Marine Hotel next weekend Sat 24th-Sun 25th. 10ish to 4ish - if weather horribly hopeless, I will abandon ship for an hour or two but hope if you are around in the village you will come past if only to say you don't like books or if you have been feeling a bit low you can have a good laugh as you peer through the mist and rain at the bedraggled figure presiding over a papier mache mountain. I will take fresh stock twice a day with a cross-section of new and old fiction and non-fiction for adults and children.



Photographs by

Colin Morrison

Town Hall Clock

Next Sunday, for the first time in 6 months, the Town Hall clock will be showing the correct time!!

Remember, the clocks go back next weekend!

Fife Council
'On Yer Doorstep' Photo Competition



Can you take a photograph and write a caption to inspire others to get more active through healthier and environmentally greener journeys, and win a book voucher as well as a new bike stand for your school?

During lockdown, we saw a dramatic and amazing decrease in air pollution in many areas. Many adults and children were out being active, walking and taking to two wheels – more than ever before. Families were spending more time together, enjoying their local surroundings and being outside. Fife Council invites families to continue to Walk, Run, Scoot, Cycle during the autumn break and capture the fun of being outside by taking a photograph of something you found on your explorations, as well as coming up with an amusing or thought-provoking caption, something that might make us think, laugh or smile.

Judging Criteria

- Originality
- Creative ideas
- Thought provoking or humorous caption
- Does it fit the brief?

The Rules

The competition is open to all pupils across Fife and will fall into two categories: Under 12s and 12 to 18-year olds. **However, entries must be submitted through a parent or guardian.**

We request one photograph entry per person

Your photograph must be taken around Fife – On Yer Doorstep and be taken by the applicant.

Your photograph should be taken on a digital camera, phone or tablet and must be a minimum of 1Mb and no bigger than 10Mb

Photographs including people must have their permission to be included in the competition

By entering, you consent to allow us to use your photograph and caption on social media and in other publicity produced by Fife Council School Travel Planning Team.

Full competition rules can be found by clicking [here](#)

How to Enter

Email your photograph to school.travelplans@fife.gov.uk providing us with your full name, category as well as the all-important caption (just include it in the email, you don't need to Photoshop it onto your photo).

Your data will only be used in conjunction with Fife Council's Travel Planning Team

Privacy Policy https://www.fife.gov.uk/travel_planning

Prizes and Judging

The competition will run 12 – 30 October. Entrants have until Friday 30 October 2020 to submit their photograph and caption.

Fife Council's Travel Plan Team will select 10 photos from each category, then the finalist will be chosen by the Provost of Fife.

The top winner will receive a new bike stand for their school as well as a book voucher and the runners up will also receive book vouchers.

Through Spaces for People, temporary measures are helping people safely physical distance and are making it easier for people to walk, cycle and scoot around during the Covid-19 pandemic www.fife.gov.uk/spaces-for-people

Worship Resources:

The Church of Scotland: For online service details click [here](#).

St Andrews St Andrews Episcopal Church is webcasting at 10am each Sunday click [here](#) or contact (zoom.stasstas@gmail.com).

Most Holy Trinity Church on Westgate North Crail , Holy Mass: Sunday 08:45. Please book a seat or pew via the parish website - click [here](#).

Crail Parish Church is now open every Sunday for worship.

October 11 Steaming from Anstruther.
October 18 Worship Group
October 25 Worship Group

November 1st Rev John Murray
The minister Rev John Murray will be on holiday during the last two weeks of October.

If you wish to come to the services you will need to book as we still are only allowed 50 persons in church.

Please either call Helen at 450516 or email armitage@talk21.com to reserve a place.

St John's Episcopal Church, Marygate, Pittenweem is open each Sunday at 11.30am for Holy Communion. Services are conducted by the new Priest in charge, The Rev. Steven Butler. Services are currently being live streamed. Strict social distancing measures apply.

Coastline Community Church, Pittenweem Sunday Services 1000 and 1200. Because of Covid-19 distancing restrictions, seating is limited and should be pre-booked by 5pm the Friday before. Face coverings must be used, and there will be no communal singing for now. Please follow the stewards instructions. For details/bookings phone or email us. 01333 312041 /pastor_ccc@btinternet.com

CRAIL HOSPITAL CAR SERVICE
If you require transport to and from an appointment at Skeith Medical Practice or a local hospital please contact:

01333 451165

Letter to the Editor

Sir
May I use your page to thank the man in a blue car who followed us Monday midday in Crail to tell me I had a puncture. Many thanks.

Max Taylor, Crail

Change to Car Park 5 at Ninewells Hospital

If you are going to Ninewells Hospital please note that car park 5 at the hospital is reverting back to being a four-hour short stay car park for patients and visitors.

Shoe Box Appeal

Shoe Box Appeal leaflets will be in Crail Kirk from 4th October. The filled Shoe Boxes should be returned on Sunday 1st November. This means that they can be delivered for Christmas.

Crail Matters only works because you support it. If you haven't yet supported us, then please consider doing so. And if you have, very many thanks!

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Greens of Crail are stocking loose large free range eggs 30pence each that come without packaging so bring your own boxes if you want to reuse rather than recycle, or if you don't need 6 at a time and want to cut down on food waste. Thanks Clem@greens

Fife Coast & Countryside Trust



Ranger Deirde Update - "Joy" returns to Leven!

For several years now we have been posting news about this rather special Black headed gull. What makes her stand out is her white, highly visible leg ring which bears the letters, "JOY1".

This ring has helped to reveal her travels and it shows that she was ringed in Norway eight years ago, and returns there each Summer for the nesting season. However, every Autumn she appears at the same car park at Leven

Prom and there she will stay, mixing with the other gulls and generally hanging out between the seashore and the burger van! Ringing can tell us such a lot about the movement of birds and even familiar, comparatively common species can reveal some impressive data.

Whatever your views about gulls, it's good to see this tough little character safely back once more from her travels. In such an uncertain world there is something comforting about the reliable, predictable movement of wildlife as it adapts to the changing seasons. If you would like to report a ringed bird, please visit the site below and follow the links. Oh, and be sure to look out for Joy next time you visit Leven Prom!

<https://app.bto.org/euring/lang/pages/rings.jsp>



Ulster-Scots

The Ulster-Scots tongue was forcibly eradicated by high society and the education system. These Ulster-Scots words were demeaned as being; "in use among the low and vulgar only"

Extract from 'Glossary of Words and Phrases used in Antrim and Down.' by David Patterson, 'Glossary of Words and Phrases used in Antrim and Down.' [https://](https://www.reddit.com/r/northernireland/)

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WORDS NOT TO BE MET WITH IN OUR ORDINARY ENGLISH DICTIONARIES.

The following words, which are in everyday use in and around Belfast, are not to be met with in our ordinary English dictionaries. Generally speaking, they are in use among the low and vulgar only:—

<i>Speel</i> , to climb.	<i>Fozy</i> , spongy.
<i>Wheen</i> , a quantity; a number.	<i>Thole</i> , to endure or suffer pain or annoyance.
<i>Sleekit</i> , sly.	<i>Hoke</i> , to make holes; to burrow.
<i>Cleek</i> , a hook.	<i>Thud</i> , a knock or thump.
<i>Bing</i> , a heap.	<i>Smudge</i> , to smirk.
<i>Sringe</i> , to creak.	<i>Smush</i> , refuse.
<i>Sevendible</i> , thorough; sound.	<i>Dunt</i> , a knock; a blow.
<i>Skelly</i> , to squint.	<i>Dunsh</i> , to knock against; to butt.
<i>Skelp</i> , a slap; to slap.	<i>Scruntty</i> , a niggard; niggardly.
<i>Skelf</i> , a small splinter.	<i>Jundy</i> , to jostle.
<i>Farl</i> , a cake of bread.	<i>Soundther</i> , to disgust.
<i>Warsh</i> , insipid; tasteless.	<i>Sheugh</i> , a ditch.
<i>Thraw</i> , to twist.	<i>Footy</i> , mean; paltry.
<i>Sapple</i> , to soak; to wet thoroughly.	<i>Footther</i> , to bungle; a bungler.
<i>Lappeded</i> , congealed; clotted.	<i>Stoor</i> , dust.
<i>Curnaptious</i> , crabbed; captious.	<i>Stoon</i> , a pang; to ache.
<i>Brash</i> , a short or sudden illness.	<i>Jubious</i> , suspicious; mistrustful.
<i>Scam</i> , to scorch.	<i>Jeuk</i> , to elude by shifting; to dodge.
<i>Ramp</i> , rank; rancid.	<i>Floostther</i> , to wheedle.
<i>Dotther</i> , to stagger.	<i>Stroop</i> , a pipe or spout.
<i>Prod</i> , to stab or thrust.	<i>Disiné</i> , to pine.
<i>Slocken</i> , to allay thirst; to quench fire.	<i>Clype</i> , a large piece.
<i>Oxtther</i> , the armpit.	<i>Cowp</i> , to upset.
<i>Coggle</i> , to shake; to rock.	
<i>Boke</i> , to retch; to make an offer to vomit.	

PHOTO RESTORATION

Do you have an old photo that has seen better days and would benefit from some TLC?
Are you worried about sending your precious photos in the post to some unknown company?

Let me help.

Here's an example of a recent restoration for a lady in Crail



BEFORE



AFTER

This is how my service works -

If you live in or around Crail I will collect your precious photos from your home, restore them to the best of my ability, print the restored images and then deliver the original and the new images back to your door.

And the cost? Prices start at just £5 per photo. I will, of course, give you a free quotation when I have assessed the damage!

Call Peter Salkeld on 01333 451165 or email peter@pjs4.net



Crail Museum & Heritage Centre

UPDATE

Crail Museum & Heritage Centre continues to be unable to open in a coronavirus-safe way. The safety of our visitors and volunteers is our top priority. We look forward to being able to open the Museum and conduct Guided Walks again, and will make the information available on our website and in other places as soon as we are able to do so.

Jonathan Armitage

Fife Council Rewilding proposals

Crail Matters has recently published commentary on the rewilding proposals by Fife Council. An online consultation is being conducted from 19th October to 9th November which can be accessed here: <https://www.fife.gov.uk/kb/docs/articles/environment2/climate-change,-carbon-and-energy/what-fife-council-is-doing/rewilding-fife>

Thought of the day

As I get older I find I only need 3 shops.

Specsavers, Boots and Greggs.

My life is just specs and drugs and sausage rolls.

East Neuk Book Group meets online in a private Facebook Group. All welcome to join. Discussion starts at 6pm but pop in from 5.30pm and have a chat with us over a coffee or hot chocolate (Unfortunately you will have to make these yourself).

Thursday 5th November we will discuss :
Elizabeth Strout
Olive Again

For further information contact
coralnapier@yahoo.co.uk

Crail Matters Meets: Local Author Hania Allen

For the first instalment of what we hope will be an occasional series, *Crail Matters* caught up with Hania Allen, local author of the Polish detective series. The crime stories, which are all set in and around Dundee, feature Detective Inspector Dania Gorska.

Where did the idea for the Polish detective come from?

I was writing another series featuring private investigator Von Valenti when my agent, Jenny Brown, rang to say that my publisher had gone into liquidation, leaving a large number of writers like myself stranded. However, she then attended the London Book Fair where she met up with Krystyna Green from the publishers Constable. Like me, Krystyna has Polish parents, and was looking for a writer to take on a new series featuring a Polish detective working in the UK. Jenny rang me instantly, and I decided to go for it. At some stage, I hope to get the Von Valentis, which are now out of print, republished, though.

Why did you choose Dundee for the setting?

I'd originally thought of St Andrews as I lived there for many years, but Constable already have a crime writer who has set novels in St Andrews. I then considered Dundee, which I can visit easily and scout out locations. The more I thought about it, the more I realised it has certain attractions, such as CAHID (the Centre for Anatomy and Human Identification), two universities, Duncan of Jordanstone, the V&A, Discovery Point and so on. It also has a fantastic history of whaling and the jute industry. Plus it has a hinterland of commuter villages with no CCTV, which is great for setting crimes there. Sadly, it's also the drugs capital of Europe.

Where do you get the ideas for the plots for the stories?

That's harder to say. They can pop up at any time. It could be an overheard conversation, something you hear on television, an article online or in the papers. I make a note of them because it's easy to forget. I even keep a notepad next to my bed. If I wake up in the night with an idea, and don't record it, it's gone by morning!

There's a lot of forensic detail (no pun intended) in the descriptions of the various settings in the books. How do you go about ensuring the accuracy of these descriptions?

I have a few books (one by Val McDermid and Sue Black) on forensics. They can get out of date, though, so I search online for scientific papers. I have a background in science, so I can usually work out what I need. I'm a great believer in going to the source data, and not relying on what you see on television.

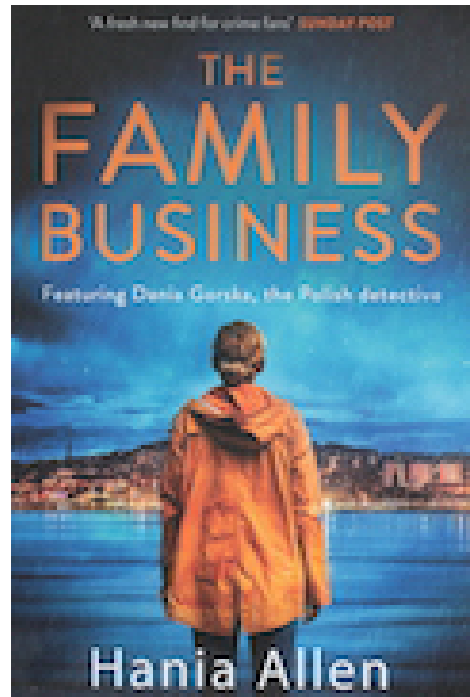
There are three books so far (*The Polish Detective*, *Clearing the Dark*, and *The Family Business*), did you originally plan for there to be a series?

Yes, publishers prefer crime novels to be part of a series, to be honest. That's not to say that they won't take a stand-alone novel. But a series has advantages in that readers who often start with Book Three, say, put it down after a few pages and then go and buy Books One and Two to read first.

Are there any more Polish detective books in the pipeline?

The next book is *The Ice Hotel*, out next year. DI Dania Gorska makes a brief cameo appearance towards the end but it's not really about her. *The Ice Hotel* was the first book I wrote and published myself as 'Icehotel'. My publisher read it and decided to take it on, with the caveat that Dania makes an appearance somewhere. But Dania will come raging back the following year in *The Murder Stones*!

The Family Business by Hania Allen is out now, and is available from all good booksellers.



*The Royal Burgh of Crail and District
Community Council Notes*



Next virtual meeting 26 October 7.15pm
(Contact crailcommunitycouncil@gmail.com for joining instructions)

AGM 7.00pm - Approval of minutes of AGM held on 28th October 2019, Treasurer's report, Date of Future AGMs, AOCB

Meeting Agenda 7.15pm:

Appointment of Secretary
Minutes of meeting held on 28th September 2020

Dangerous Bollards – Cllr LH

Action Summary:

Social distance measures press release – DJ and MT
Vacant building rates – Cllr BP
Re-opening Community Hall – Cllr JD
Remembrance wreath – JW
Contact schools re vandalism – HA
Recycling stickers and fines – Cllr LH
Rewilding response – Cllr LH & SP

Chairman's Report
Treasurer's Report
Secretary's Report

Update Crail Partnership
Solar Bins
Social Distancing Barriers
Rewilding Consultation
Fife Councilors Reports
AOCB

The Crail Seagull

I am outraged to hear from the know-it-all sparrow that 86 of the 114 offshore wind turbines for the wind farm off Fluke Dub are to be made in China! The sparrow also assured me that China's steelmaking process is mainly through coal-fired furnaces. How can this decision possibly be part of any green agenda, the main purpose of this development? These turbines will then have to be transported halfway around the world further adding to emissions. It's bad enough having to look at them and have my wee puffin pals stoating off the blades but at least they could have been made in local fabrication yards.



Heard about my cousin? Some time in July she brought down a drone over a school in Stranraer. Not really seen any around Crail or Fluke Dub, but be warned - you don't mess with my family!!!

Did you read about Joy? She's really been around. I've never met her, but my second cousin twice removed claims she has. He said she's a bit of an old battle axe, but well.....

What's with all the grass cutting suddenly happening? We seem to have gone from abandonment to cutting. Mind you it still looks a mess.

Advert/Copy Submission to Crail Matters

The Editors are happy to accept material for publication in a variety of formats, but we prefer .doc, .jpg and .pdf copy. We would urge anyone submitting material to have regard to efficient use of space - we cannot guarantee to publish in original format large adverts designed as posters. We reserve the right to edit material.

Crail Community Partnership

Crail Community Partnership invite all members of the Community to join. An application form can be found here:

[https://
crailmatterscom.files.wordpress.com/
2019/07/membership-form-short.pdf](https://crailmatterscom.files.wordpress.com/2019/07/membership-form-short.pdf)

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