

# YourCityCouncillor

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## LOCAL NEWS

Winter 2011-2012

### Flood Prevention Scheme

The new flood defence system for the River Cart is now complete and is fully operational. The system coped admirably with torrential rain at the end of 2011 and prevented the flooding of up to 1750 properties, most of which are located in the Langside Ward. The scheme was designed in direct response to the serious flooding which occurred in the 1980's and 1990's which caused major damage to homes and businesses in our area.

I am sure everyone will be pleased with the results of these works. The undernoted photograph shows a section of the new flood defences.



### Affordable Warmth Initiative

Glasgow City Council has introduced a new scheme to help the most vulnerable elderly people with heating costs over the worst of the winter.

Any Glasgow resident over the age of 80 by the end of February 2012 and in receipt of any amount of Pension Credit can apply for the one-off payment of £100. Payments are not restricted to one per household. If there are two qualifying pensioners in a household, both are entitled to apply. If you, or anyone you know, thinks that they might be entitled to a payment please do not hesitate to make an application by phoning 0141 287 7961.

The scheme is designed to help some of Glasgow's most vulnerable citizens so please make a claim if you think you might qualify.

### Winter Gritting



Last year we had another very severe winter for the second year in a row. This year almost 22,000 tonnes of grit and salt have been stored by the Council in preparation for a repeat of the cold weather of the past two years, although we hope it won't all be needed.

Should you have any requests in relation to winter gritting you should contact 0800 373635.

### Useful Numbers

Graffiti, Fly Tipping and Fly Posting removal – 0800 027 7027

Bulk Refuse uplift – 0141 287 9700

Water Mains Leakage or Bursts – 0845 600 885

Roads and Lighting Faults – 0800 37 36 35

Strathclyde Police – 0141 532 3000

Aitkenhead Police Station – 0141 532 4900

Crimestoppers – 0800 555 111

Abandoned Cars – 0141 276 0859

CCTV Control Centre – 0141 287 9999

## Olympic Games, 2012 and Commonwealth Games 2014

Hampden Park will be used as a venue in both the 2012 Olympic Games and the 2014 Commonwealth Games.

The stadium will be used to host football matches in 2012 and to host the athletics competition and the closing ceremony at the 2014 Commonwealth Games. The Olympic torch will also be passing through our area later this year.

The organisers of both Games held consultation events at the National stadium in December 2011. The Olympic Games organisers held two open day events and the Commonwealth Games organiser held a first consultation meeting with residents who live very close to the stadium.

More of these consultation events will be held as we progress towards 2014 as there will be substantial adaptations to be made to the stadium in time for the Games.



HAMPDEN PARK

## Park and Ride Facility

Glasgow City Council is working in partnership with Hampden Park Ltd to install a park and ride facility at the old lighting depot on Aikenhead Road, across from the Esso garage. The facility has been granted planning permission by the Council and work on the site has now commenced.

The facility will be an enormous help not only in encouraging people to use public transport to travel into town, but also to the local community around Hampden as managing private motor vehicle access to the stadium is a real challenge on days when there are events taking place at the stadium.

## Creating Jobs

A new scheme to help Glasgow's graduates find jobs was announced by the Council in November.

The Commonwealth Graduate Fund will pay employers 50% of the salary costs for graduates they take on – up to a maximum of £10,000 per graduate – for one year.

To qualify, graduates must show that they have a connection to Glasgow.

The Council has also announced that it will extend its Commonwealth Jobs Fund to create employment opportunities for the over-50s while its Commonwealth Apprenticeship Initiative has helped nearly 2,000 of Glasgow's young people since it was first launched three years ago.

You can find out more information by phoning 0141 287 7282 or by emailing:

[commonwealthgraduatefund@glasgow.gov.uk](mailto:commonwealthgraduatefund@glasgow.gov.uk)

## CCTV Cameras

Following a request from Strathclyde Police, the Council provided funding for the installation of two CCTV cameras in the Shawlands area. The cameras are now in operation and will help to deter crime in the area. I am very supportive of this initiative as it will allow people to feel safe as they go about their daily business.



New CCTV Cameras in Shawlands

## Surgery Details

**King's Park Primary School** - 44 Kingsbridge Drive, 6pm first Wednesday each month

**Langside Primary School** - 233 Tantallon Road, 11am second Saturday each month

**Mount Florida Primary School** - 1127 Cathcart Road, 6pm third Wednesday each month

**Langside Hall** - 5 Langside Avenue 11am fourth Saturday each month

**No surgeries during school holidays**