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STOBSWELL FORUM WOULD LIKE TO SAY A HUGE THANK YOU



March 2020 seems so long ago. Maybe even like a different world. We had all come out of a relatively mild winter a new government in Westminster was starting to flex its wings. On the horizon BREXIT was looming, council budgets were being stretched and people across Stobswell and Maryfield were facing up to whatever life was throwing at them.

Within what seemed a few days everything changed we learned what furlough and shielding meant. We started to understand how much most of us need one another and we saw the emergence of lots of support programmes across Maryfield and city as a whole. These helped with getting food to people, going to the chemist or simply providing someone to talk to and lots of local people wanted to help.

Faced with the biggest health emergency in over 100 years the people in Stobswell and Maryfield did their best to stick to the Scottish Government advice, and sometimes that advice changed quickly. After all, the virus hasn't had its first birthday yet. We tried to help our neighbours, we sometimes got confused and frustrated but through it all our community tried its best. With the shops now opening and services starting to come back we have all come through one of our biggest ever challenges.

So we'd like to say thanks to everyone for doing their best, but what comes next… We can go back to the way it was before the virus arrived or we could try and do things a bit differently, get involved more and make sure our voices are heard, but to do that we need your help.

If you want to get involved please get in touch at info@stobswell.org.uk or give us a call on 07801 419941 for a chat.

STOBSWELL LIGHTING THE NIGHT

A few weeks back with our partners at the Dundee City Council and AudioWAVE we decided to light up the Baxter Park Pavilion to show our respect and support for the NHS and all of the hardworking people across the care and volunteering services who worked so hard to keep us safe during the COVID-19 crisis, we owe them so much and this was just our small way of saying how much we appreciate their sacrifices for the whole community.



We know that lots of people really liked the Light Display and wanted the opportunity to see it in person unfortunately that wasn't possible due to the crisis but we're working on that and when Scottish Goverment advice allows we'll hopefully be in a position to let you know what we've got planned for Stobswell Lighting the Night.

THE MORGAN MARCHES ON

Morgan Academy, high school on the hill, is an extended family within Stobswell. During lockdown, teachers set work online, giving feedback and support. Pupils and parents bought in. The Pupil Support team contacted targeted families regularly. Food and support was provided where needed, directly and via other agencies. Guidance and the Timetabling teams coursed pupils for a new 2020-21 timetable remotely. The Transition team ensured P7 pupils will become our new S1. Teaching staff worked with the SQA Co-ordinator to ensure that senior pupils achieved the 'exam results' they had worked towards. Cleaners, kitchen staff, janitors, teaching and support staff were re-deployed to work in the hub.



Pupils with no access to IT were supported with work packs, tablets donated by The Stobswell Forum or School netbooks.

Teamwork has seen the Morgan family through. Preparations continue to return to the school building. We will meet the future together.

STOBSWELL LOVES LOCAL

The Scotland Loves Local campaign is a national initiative designed to encourage all those who live in Scotland to think local first and support their local high streets safely and in line with public health guidelines. The outbreak of Coronavirus has caused huge problems for our local high streets. They have lost out on vital trade because they had to close to keep us safe. Many of them have gone to enormous lengths to support the most vulnerable people in our communities.

As Scotland begins to ease lockdown restrictions and move into recovery, now is the time to support them to get back on their feet. However, we know coronavirus is still a significant risk to local communities and so it is important that people continue to follow the public health guidelines and take care.



Scotland's towns are a gateway to our past. They are a rich tapestry of Scottish history and our journey to becoming the society and nation we are now. Scotland loves local.

But our local high streets aren't just a series of buildings where things are bought and sold. The people who run local businesses are our brothers and sisters, our friends, our aunts and uncles, our neighbours. Whether it's an emergency pint of milk, catching up with old friends at Christmas in the local pub or offering a lovely coffee when there's no big chain available, our high streets have always been there for us.

Our small businesses, whether a pub, cafe, tailor, butcher or a grocery shop, are the lifeblood of our Scottish economy. They take risks each and every day to create jobs and prosperity to maintain our way of life. Now is the time to support them to get back on their feet. Now is the time to be there for them. Now is the time to think local first.

This isn't just about keeping shop units occupied, it's about supporting the very fabric of our society and community.

Whether it's a book, or a pint of milk, a night out and a meal, a bedside table or some garden furniture, we're asking you to take care and think local first.

A POCKET PARK FOR CRAIGIE STREET

We're always interested in new ideas to improve the neighbourhood. We've been working with Dundee City Council to explore the idea of pocket parks. These are small areas of greenery to give rest, relaxation and colour to the area. One potential spot is where Craigie Street meets Albert Street.

Lots of people have already taken part in our online consultation. Huge thanks to all who did – your comments and critique are incredibly valuable, trust us. We know lots of people don't have such easy access to the internet. If you didn't get the chance to fill a survey and you'd like to share your opinion, fill in this survey below, cut it out, and return it to our friends in Room 39 Boutique in Dura Street and The Enjoy Cafe on Albert Street by Arthurstone Terrace .

Roughly how close do you live to the junction of Craigie and Albert Street?
Eg. 2-3 minutes walk, a 10-minute drive, on Craigie Street…

Give us three words you think of when you hear Albert Street.

Which of these is the most important to you in a park? Rank them from 5 (most important) to 1 (least important).

Somewhere to play ☐ Somewhere to sit ☐ A place to eat ☐

Bright colours and artwork ☐ Looking at plants and flowers ☐

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A friendly artist mocked up two potential ideas. They're not final – we just thought pictures might help everyone think about what they like and don't.





Do you like the left- or right-hand design better? (Please tick box) Left ☐ Right ☐

Why? Feel free to give us as much detail as you want. If you need more space, please do add extra sheets of paper. It might help to try and attach them all together.

Do you have any concerns about the project, perhaps something we might have missed?

Thanks again – it's incredibly useful! Please cut out and drop off to our friends in Room 39 Boutique in Dura Street and The Enjoy Cafe on Albert Street by Arthurstone Terrace.

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