



DAL-ICIOUS!



Delight as community set for massive £60k boost with food firmly on the menu



Community Partners in the project are pictured (Left to Right) - Diane Hendry, Board Member Trafalgar HA; Gary Earl, Finance Officer Dalmuir Park HA; Sara Pattison, Administration Officer Trafalgar HA; Jim McLaren, Founder and Manager of Golden Friendships and Sylvia Elliott, Playworker at Dalmuir Out of School Care Group

RESIDENTS in Dalmuir are set for a tasty six months after ourselves here at Dalmuir Park HA , Trafalgar HA and an inspiring local charity secured almost £60,000 for a range of food-related projects.

Both Associations and local charity “Golden Friendships” obtained the bumper windfall primarily to help defeat food inequality, social isolation and help the local community emerge from the pandemic.

Now a range of projects lasting from October to March and funded by the Scottish Government’s “*Communities Recovery Fund*” – set up to alleviate some of the hardships caused by the pandemic - will swing into action.

Both housing associations are delighted with the windfall which will benefit people of all ages and particularly children.

The overall aim is to tackle food poverty and inequality, reduce isolation especially among those in later life, strengthen existing community partnerships and promote togetherness among residents.

The main project is entitled “Dalmuir Diners” with a firm emphasis on enjoying food, having fun and creating friendships

Some of the eye-catching projects coming soon include:

A new “Dalmuir Diners” initiative offering lunches and dinners to take place on Wednesday afternoons and Thursday evenings at the Golden Friendships Community Hall

Lunch clubs lasting 23 weeks at our two sheltered housing developments in Nairn Street and Shaftesbury Street

An “Easter Egg Extravaganza” in April 2022 benefiting three local schools, Golden Friendships and our Out of School Care Group.

Support for the Dalmuir Out of School Care Group in several ways including an “Everyone for Fruit” initiative and a “Plot, Learn & Grow” project on an established allotment.

Christmas dinners and pantomimes to spread some festive cheer.

Anne Marie Brown, our Chief Executive said: “This is a hugely-significant development as it provides a much needed helping hand in the recovery of our communities from the pandemic.

“We are very grateful indeed to the Scottish Government for awarding us this money – every penny of which will be put to good use as we endeavour to help as many people as possible.

“Dealing with food inequality through many of the projects being funded with this money is vital as we know it is an increasing issue with people struggling to cope. We are ready to get to work to tackle this head on.”

Paul McShane, Director of Trafalgar Housing Association said: “It is great to have formed such a strong relationship with our partners – all of whom want the best for our communities. Trafalgar Housing Association is strongly committed to doing what we can to help in this exciting project which confronts many of the issues which affect people’s lives.”

Our Finance Officer Gary Earl added: “This is a game-changing development which will literally turbo-charge our efforts in helping

our communities. We greatly value the partnership approach which has played a key role in securing this funding.”

The community partners in addition to the two housing associations are: Golden Friendships, Dalmuir Out of School Care Group, Clydemuir Primary, Our Lady of Loretto Primary and St Stephen’s Primary.