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Dear FoMR Friend,

So, spring is leaping forward and with lighter nights and better weather it is a lovely time to come along and enjoy the many walks around the reservoir complex. I will share a few changes that may impact on Milngavie Reservoir over the coming months.

Pipeline work affecting Milngavie reservoir and Drumclog Muir and associated car park

Scottish Water has finalised the pipeline route and will be on site soon. The agreed route is:- Bankell holding water tank, across Strathblane road, across the flat ground in front of North lodge gatehouse, across the path and through the outside perimeter wall at the north side of Milngavie Reservoir, running along the north side of Milngavie Reservoir in adjoining fields that are in private ownership, down and then across Mugdock Road to enter Drumclog Muir at the car park entrance. Drumclog Muir car park is to remain closed for the duration of the construction phase. According to Scottish Water the alterations to the pipeline route have put a stop to providing a temporary car park in the field across from the Mugdock measuring pond area. Scottish Water has advised they will provide additional car parking spaces within the reservoir complex. FoMR is of a view this option is unacceptable not least in terms of the health and safety risks to users of this facility. FoMR is awaiting a response from Scottish Water and shall keep you up-to-date with any further developments.

East Dunbartonshire Council's proposal to provide a cycle link to Mugdock Country Park:

East Dunbartonshire Council is proposing to upgrade the path on the south bank of Mugdock Reservoir to provide a cycle link with Mugdock Country Park. FoMR, Scottish Water and Milngavie Community Council are all of a similar view that this proposal is unsuitable in offering a safe route for both walkers and cyclists from a health and safety perspective, in particular due to its elevated position and restricted path width. FoMR is keen to hear from you should you have any particular concerns and/or suggestions about such a proposal or how the path network in and around Milngavie Reservoirs could be improved.

FoMR Information Board coming soon!

Scottish Water has agreed to provide a notice board for use by FoMR to provide information to visitors and this will be located at the Well area following granting of Listed Building Consent by East Dunbartonshire Council.

Green flag accreditation scheme update:

Scottish Water and FoMR are working together to investigate opportunities in taking forward the green flag accreditation scheme that will help in providing visitor services and improving the path network for our many visitors. This scheme will also help identify volunteering opportunities that we can take forward to improve the biodiversity of this green space. FoMR will keep you informed of our progress and hope to get you actively involved in agreed initiatives.

Contractors Debris/ Fly Tipping

For some time now FoMR has pressed Scottish Water to remove contractors debris (some of it left on site as far back as 2002) lying around the reservoirs site and SW has given a commitment to commence removal of this within the next few weeks.

Litter-pick in spring-time!

A litter pick is also being organised by Scottish Water in April. As we move forward with the Green flag accreditation process it is envisaged FoMR volunteers will be invited to fully participate in future litter pick events.

Waitrose community fund

Thank you for supporting Waitrose's green token scheme and popping your tokens into the allocated collection box. Thanks to your support FoMR received a donation of £340 to our funds! These funds will help in producing better signage at the reservoir, in particular highlighting the various walking routes in and around Milngavie Reservoir that are worthy of exploration.

Wildlife in and around Milngavie Reservoir

I have spoken with some of Milngavie Reservoir bird watchers over the winter months and enjoyed observing a pair of goosanders that had recently settled at the reservoir. One of the pair was unfortunately found dead at the side of Craigmaddie Reservoir (most likely falling prey to a cunning fox) however there has been no sign of its partner. This is perhaps a reminder for us all to ensure our dogs are kept under

has been the sign of its partner. This is perhaps a reminder for us all to ensure car dogs are kept under control at all times to protect the wildlife in and around the reservoir, particularly important at this time of year with birds nesting with their young in and around the water's edge and pregnant ewes grazing in the fields adjoining the reservoir complex.

As always please get in touch with FoMR should you have any comments you wish to share with usin particular around car parking and cycle routes....we are always keen to hear from you.

Best wishes
FoMR Committee

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