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Dear FoMR friend

Let's hope we get another great summer offering us lots of opportunities to come along and enjoy our dear green place. The information in this quarter's newsletter will keep you up-to-date with issues that affect Milngavie Reservoir over the coming months.

Pipeline work affecting Milngavie Reservoir and Drumclog Moor car park:

Scottish Water and their contractors have started the pipeline works that affects areas within the reservoir complex and surrounding countryside, including Drumclog Moor.

Drumclog car park is to be closed during the construction phase and notices are now on display advising the closure will be for approximately 4 months from Monday 17th June. Mugdock Road will also be closed during this time from just south of the car park to the small lay-by at the bend above the reservoir.

Scottish Water have confirmed the Well area in Milngavie Reservoir complex is not an option as a temporary car park so please do not park there during the Drumclog closure. Scottish Water have come to an arrangement with Nuffield Health for their car park to be used as alternative parking. We appreciate this is not an ideal solution but it seems there is no suitable alternative during the pipeline construction.

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

Thanks to members of FoMR email group for getting in touch and all were in agreement the proposed cycle route along the reservoir footpath was unsuitable. Scottish Water have submitted their objection but EDC have not provided any further information as to their intentions. One to watch!

FoMR Information Board is delayed:

Scottish Water have not yet received Listed Building Consent for its erection near the water fountain area. Let's hope approval is given soon as it's important as an information source for visitors, especially during the pipeline works. Please get in touch with your suggestions for information you would like to see on display.

Green flag accreditation scheme update:

Scottish Water and FoMR continue to work together to help improve visitor services and the path network for our many visitors.

FoMR has highlighted a number of priority areas for Scottish Water to take forward this financial year. These include putting agreements in place for FoMR to create volunteering opportunities aimed at improving the biodiversity of this green space and restoring its buildings and structures.

FoMR will keep you informed of our progress and hope to get you involved in taking these initiatives forward.

FoMR Website and Facebook page:

We are keen to update and refresh our website and Facebook page but this can be expensive with our limited funds. If you have the necessary IT skills and would like to volunteer to help, please let us know.

Litter-pick re-scheduled for June:

A litter pick is planned for June and not April as previously reported. This event is being led by Scottish Water's appointed contractors for constructing the pipeline.

Antisocial behaviour affecting Milngavie Reservoir

FoMR is keen to ensure Milngavie Reservoir is a safe place for all its visitors but there are regularly anti-social activities adversely affecting the parkland and they are more frequent during the summer holiday period and lighter nights.

Examples of antisocial behaviours that have been recorded at Milngavie Reservoir include:

- Criminal damage to buildings and graffiti on structures;
- Fire setting with risk of starting wildfires;
- Drinking and intimidating behaviour to other visitors;
- Dog fouling and litter.

So...please...

- Report antisocial activities or any concerns to Police Scotland by calling 101 or in an emergency situation call 999.
- Report dog fouling issues and littering problems to East Dunbartonshire Council Community Safety Team on 0300 123 4510

There are also Scottish Water Byelaws in force that prevent the following activities:

- Swimming and fishing in the water courses

- Boating/canoeing on the water courses
- Urinating and defaecating close to defined areas including water courses

So...please...

- Report damage to structures, health and safety concerns and breaches of Milngavie Reservoir Byelaws to Scottish Water Customer Services on: 0800 0778778 (24 hour number)

If we all work together and highlight these issues we can help prevent further damage to this national asset.

As always please get in touch with FoMR should you have any comments you wish to share with us. We want to hear from you.

Best wishes,
FoMR Committee

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