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Dear FoMR friend,

The information in this quarter's newsletter will keep you up-to-date with issues that affect the Milngavie Reservoirs over the coming months as we leap into Spring and the forthcoming Summer.

Milngavie and Bearsden Herald article - March 26th 2020:

FoMR has worked closely with Scottish Water to start an extensive programme of much-needed repairs to restore this national heritage site. These improvements will happen over the next 3 years and FoMR will continue to play an integral role in ensuring the restorative work is to the highest standard.

You will have seen some of these improvements already such as removal of bush and tree growth from the revetments at Mugdock Reservoir which is needed to maintain the integrity of the embankments. SW have also been removing the disused pumping stations but this work has stopped temporarily because of the current coronavirus pandemic.

The local newspaper <u>ran the story</u> with Cameron Simpson representing FoMR committee (not Eddy!) with our local MSP Gil Paterson in front of our notice board.

FoMR Noticeboard – has now arrived!

FoMR has added some 'holding material' in the notice board. We would love to hear your suggestions on what you would like to see. We think there's lots of scope such as a map of the range of walks and some up-to-date information on volunteering. Please get in touch and let us know what you think should be there.

New FoMR Website

Our website has been redesigned and updated with new information about all the latest developments and plans for the future. Take a look at www.fomr.uk

Walking, jogging and cycling during the Coronavirus pandemic

Please adhere to the social distancing guidelines and the 2-metre rule. Also dog owners should keep their pets on a lead at this time. Let's help everyone feel safe as we get our daily exercise until we get back to normal.

Pipeline work affecting the reservoirs

The pipeline works for the Burncrooks Project to the north of Craigmaddie Reservoir is still underway but suspended because of the Coronavirus pandemic to reflect Scottish Government guidance. The temporary path in this area is very narrow but please do your best to keep to the 2-metre social distancing rule even if this means leaving the path.

Car parking

The resurfaced car park at Drumclog and all reservoir access roads are currently closed to traffic because of Coronavirus restrictions. Hopefully they'll reopen again in the near future. Until then please do not drive to the reservoirs as there is no parking available. Once the restrictions are lifted please use only the Drumclog car park to keep the reservoir access roads car-free to ensure the area is safe for all abilities and all ages. The car spaces within the reservoir area are only for those with a blue disabled badge and Scottish Water personnel.

Antisocial behaviour

SW has employed a security firm that routinely patrols the reservoir area to ensure it is safe for everyone to enjoy. Please report damage to buildings or breaches of the Byelaws to SW Customer Services on 0800 0778778 (24 hours). More serious issues should be reported directly to the Police for immediate action.

Best wishes, FoMR Committee

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