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## FoMR Summer Newsletter 2020

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 move into Summer.

### **PARKING: WITHIN THE RESERVOIR**

We are discussing with Scottish Water the problem of parked cars within the reservoir area which has become worse during the lockdown period. Access to the reservoir by the ramp from Mugdock Road is limited to authorised vehicles such as deliveries, refuse disposal, Scottish Water and those displaying a disabled badge.

The access ramp is narrow and allows only one vehicle at a time. With the increased number of pedestrians, cyclists and joggers visiting the reservoir there is serious risk of accidents.

There are plenty of signs making clear the restricted access but many drivers blatantly ignore them.

Working with Scottish Water we are monitoring the situation and have made

several suggestions including closing the existing open barrier near Commissioners' Cottage or erecting a new barrier at the top of the ramp while leaving available the existing three disabled spaces.

Scottish Water are about to embark on a restoration programme of stone and metalwork around the reservoir. During this time, the existing gates at Mugdock Road will be removed for repair and Scottish Water are looking at enforcing the parking restriction with the exception of disabled badge holders.

Free parking is available in the restored Drumclog Car Park.

In the meantime, please do not bring your vehicle into the reservoir area and help us keep it safe for everyone.

### **PATHS: RESERVOIR ROUTES**

Scottish Water have drawn up plans to restore and improve paths around both Mugdock and Craigmaddie Reservoirs including installing drainage to tackle the constant problem of flooding in certain areas.

We have welcomed their much-needed plans but have asked for details of what investigations they have carried out to establish the cause of the flooding along with what materials will be used and the techniques to be employed to ensure that this won't be just a "patch-up" but a proper long-term improvement.

We have specifically asked that a ramp is created over the steps at the end of the Mugdock path (beside the redundant pumphouse which is to be demolished) to allow full wheelchair and pram access around the entire reservoir footpath network.

While the improvement work is going on, Scottish Water say there will have to be diversions to the paths which we accept as long as there are no blockages.

We have also asked that once the work is complete, there's a full restoration of the diversion area with re-seeding of the grass including those areas which have been used as unofficial diversions over the past few months.

### **LITTER: Be part of the solution, not the pollution.**

Litter continues to, well, litter the reservoirs. With more people wanting to use

the reservoirs there is sometimes not enough capacity for the bins to take all rubbish. Can folks take it home and not leave it either at the side of the bins as this is unsightly and attracts vermin. Scottish Water are putting up posters to encourage our many visitors to keep the area litter free. So feed the can, man. Or slam dunk the junk.

Scottish Water have in the past “threatened” a litter pick involving their own staff to clear up discarded rubbish. Unfortunately, it was postponed while one employee was on leave due to some internal issues. “It is still intended to go ahead and I will hopefully have an update for you shortly.”...this is what he told us way back in June 2018...and we are still waiting. Hopefully soon!

## **CYCLISTS**

Easy, riders We have had a number of our friends raise concerns about groups of cyclists using the reservoir. Can everyone please consider social distancing and be mindful of sharing paths safely and not putting others at risk.

We would urge budding Chris Hoys to give advance warning of their arrival by ringing their bells as well as watching their speed to keep everyone safe.

## **SOS**

How would you like to be an ‘extra special’ friend of the Reservoir? We know there’s lots of talent and expertise among people in the area, whether that’s in the area of finance, civil engineering, construction, quantity surveying, heritage

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an informal team of experts who can advise us on a project-to-project basis.

It’s just your special knowledge and advice we’re after and there’ll be no long-term commitment beyond that. Please let us know if you’d like to be involved. It’s always good to have a ‘special’ friend. Our contact details as always, at the end of this Newsletter.

## **ROSES**

Thanks to the efforts of volunteers from Milngavie in Bloom and our own helpers, there’s been a great display of flowers around Commissioners’ Cottage. The roses, some of which are quite rare, have been in full bloom with great colour and fragrance.

There have also been great examples of blossoming clematis and fuchsias. In the coming weeks the volunteers will be back to do some necessary pruning of the higher branches and dead flowers and carry out some serious weeding.

Best wishes,  
FoMR Committee

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