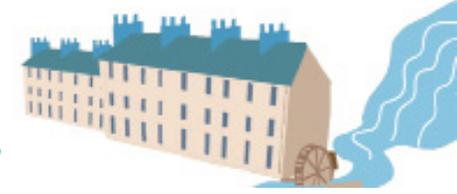




LANARK VISION

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TOWN POISED FOR WALLACE WEEKEND FESTIVAL

Plans are taking shape for a Wallace Weekend on Saturday 23rd May – Sunday 24th May with a wide range of activities set to take place in the area.

Castlebank Horticultural Centre will be holding an Open Day from 1.30pm until 4pm on the first day of the festival with the official opening of the Fairy Dell walk taking place. Allison Galbraith, a well-known local storyteller, will be telling fairy and woodland stories to groups of children and there will also be a variety of goods on sale throughout the afternoon.

The Tolbooth will also be open with a range of entertainment taking place and the Memorial Hall will also host craft groups with an indoor market and live entertainment taking place from 11am with The Bag Rockers taking centre stage at 7pm. If your group would like to take part in the Wallace Weekend then contact Jamie Hill jamie_hill@madasafish.com

WOOD YOU BELIEVE THE PROGRESS AT CASTLEBANK!

Castlebank Park has been given a touch of magic with the addition of several stunning wood carvings. South Lanarkshire Council gave the Development Trust permission to build a Fairy Dell path and they also supplied by Iain Chalmers from Chainsaw Creations on the Black Isle to create the impressive carvings.

Iain worked tirelessly at Castlebank to transform the area and the Development Trust are delighted with his work.

The carvings feature on the slope between the Horticultural Centre and the old pond and will help add to the character of the area with lots of visitors young and old alike visiting the area to see the sculptures.

The Council's Community Payback team will be building a footpath in the coming weeks with more exciting projects in the pipeline

to help restore Castlebank to its former glory. The Trust is working closely with South Lanarkshire Council to obtain Green Flag status for the park and also received a grant from Border Biscuits to purchase roses to create a Wallace themed memorial garden.

Wood and compost has been purchased to create raised beds on the foundations of the old greenhouses and allotments are available on a first come first served basis.

If you would like an allotment contact Chris Armour by calling 01555 890 673 or emailing chrisa.57@live.co.uk

A great deal of work has already been carried out at the top terrace and Lanark Garden Club have adopted a border in the middle terrace for development.

Volunteer induction sessions are also underway to help complete the projects at Castlebank and more volunteers are welcome. You can get involved by contacting Chris Armour using the details above.

CLEARBURN EARNS SCOTTISH CIVIC TRUST AWARD

New Lanark Trust are delighted with the news that Clearburn Natural Play and Picnic Area has been awarded a 'High Commendation' Award at the Scottish Civic Trust My Place Awards.

The awards are a national celebration of excellent local design and projects that have made a positive impact on the community.

Clearburn opened for the first time in September last year and the Big Lottery and Clyde and Avon Valley Landscape Partnership funded project has already established itself as an important asset nestled within the World Heritage Site.

The area was designed with the help of the community and school pupils and will entertain visitors of all ages for many years to come.

Lanark Memorial Hall also received a 'Commendation' Award after opening its doors once again in June

2013 following an extensive refurbishment project.

As part of the project South Lanarkshire Council worked in partnership with South Lanarkshire Leisure and Culture Ltd, the Royal Burgh of Lanark Museum Trust and local schools to develop 'The Story of Lanark' exhibition located in the foyer. The hard-working team behind the scenes have also worked closely with a wide range of local arts and entertainment organisations in order to provide quality local events.

LANARK STARS AT THE SCOTTISH PARLIAMENT

Lanark was the big talking point in the Scottish Parliament thanks to the hard work of Eleanor McLean.

Eleanor hosted an exhibition that showcased the best of what Lanark has to offer including the town's heritage trail guide that she produced last year plus a range of information on local points of interest. The exhibition attracted a vast number of politicians who were keen to learn more about the town and Eleanor was thrilled with the outcome of the week-long event.

LOCAL BUSINESSES PRESENTED WITH THE LANARK VISION

The Lanark business community was presented with the action plan for the *Lanark Vision* which outlines the vast range of projects designed to enhance the town centre during a meeting at the Memorial Hall. It is hoped that the town's retailers will work closely with the *Vision* team in the coming months.

LANARK UNSUCCESSFUL IN CREATIVE PLACES BID

The Lanark Community Development Trust had been hoping to obtain a Creative Places grant for the town to allow the Royal Burgh but unfortunately the application was not successful on this occasion.

It is hoped that the Trust will prepare for another bid in 2016.

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