



# CRAIL MATTERS

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*Crail: The Jewel of the East Neuk.*

## Crail Folk Club

A Burns Night at the Golf Hotel Thursday January 23rd 8pm £5 Full details and tickets from [www.craillfolkclub.org.uk](http://www.craillfolkclub.org.uk)

Celebrate the work of Robert Burns at our annual Burns Night (near enough) event. We are grateful to the Golf Hotel for hosting and providing their fine haggis, neeps and tatties (included in the admission price) and excellent ales. Sing, play, recite or just listen. Always a good fun show.

Our first guest night is February 13th with Claire Hastings accompanied by Pablo Lafuente.



## Consultation Paper: Freedom Camping - Options Paper on Motorhome Use in Fife

Fife Coast and Countryside Trust are looking for responses / comments on this paper by 31st January and will then Pilot the Scheme at Ruby Bay Elie from 1st April 2020. The paper is available on [www.crailmatters.com](http://www.crailmatters.com)

The term "Freedom Camping" relates to discrete informal parking with a Motorhome overnight at non-designated camp sites as advocated by the Campervan & Motor Home Professional Association (CAMPA). Ref <http://www.campa.org.uk>

With ever increasing numbers of Motorhome User opting to use car parks and other locations for overnight stays in Fife, signs of tension are now growing as Freedom Camping has become unsustainable at some key areas. In turn this is placing operational and environmental pressure on visitor attractions originally designed for day time recreational use only.

This paper has been written by Fife Coast & Countryside Trust to identify ways to safely and sustainably operate Unregulated Public Car Parks within the current legislation to meet realistic expectations for all the Users, Communities, Land Owners, Land Managers, Fife Council and other Stakeholders in relation to Freedom Camping.

The report identifies alternative options for future operations and recommendations in relation to freedom camping. It also highlights the consequences if the status quo remains and nothing is done.

Of interest to residents of Crail, in the year 2017 271 unpermitted overnight stays were recorded at Kingsbarns Beach Car Park; from March to May 2018 101 unpermitted stays were recorded.

### Findings

Motorhome usage in Fife has the potential to deliver the following benefits:

- Economic investment
- Social inclusion
- Environmental awareness Sustainability

However to maximize the benefits of this growing market Fife needs to provide a system of rules and regulations relating to the do's and don'ts for Freedom Camping in the Kingdom. The current practice of parking over night at many popular locations has become unsustainable and hazardous. The potential for fire and fire spread between Motorhomes increases every year. Freedom Camping in its current format impacts negatively on the environment and creates an unacceptable risk for the motorhome community and other stakeholders. To do nothing is no longer an option and will create further discord.

This report highlights the need for immediate action to mitigate against the risks identified at Elie Ruby Bay and Kingsbarns Beach car parks with recommended actions.

### Crail Matters Consultation on Publication Day

The Editorial Team is considering changing the day of publication from Monday morning to either Wednesday or Friday morning. This is to address some production issues, and also to offer opportunity for better coverage of weekend events. We invite our readers to let us know your views on this proposal by writing to [crailmatters@gmail.com](mailto:crailmatters@gmail.com).

### Crail Matters only works because you support it.

May we take this opportunity to thank all those people who have donated funds to us to keep our newsletter going. If you haven't yet supported us, then please consider doing so.

Next Wild  
Crail will be  
27 January

# WILD CRAIL

Will Cresswell,  
with Photographs by John Anderson



**FREE**



## Elementary Food Hygiene Course

21 February 2020 | 9:15am - 4:30pm



St Monans Town Hall

ARE YOU LOOKING TO COMPLETE YOUR FOOD HYGIENE COURSE?

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### Notice of Road Works

Scottish Water will be repairing the defective manhole cover on the carriageway outside Miramar, opposite the entrance to Denburn woods. The work is scheduled to begin 22 January and last for 2 days. This will involve traffic light control of traffic.

### CRAIL COMMUNITY CHOIR



The Choir will be going to  
Fife Festival of Music  
in the Adam Smith Theatre, Kirkcaldy on  
**MONDAY 3 FEBRUARY**  
leaving Crail at 5pm.

There will be rehearsals on **SUNDAYS 26 JANUARY** and  
**2 FEBRUARY** at 7.30pm in the Church Hall

The new session of the choir will start  
on **Monday 17 February** at 7.30pm in the Church Hall  
when new members will be welcome

### CRAIL BROWNIES & RAINBOWS

Now that schools are back, it's time for Brownies and Rainbows! If your daughter would like to join in the fun, we meet on Mondays in the Legion Hall:

5-6pm – Rainbows (age 5 & 6). £2 per night  
6-7.30pm – Brownies (age 7, 8 & 9) £2.50 per night

Please contact us for more information by emailing [CrailBrownies@yahoo.com](mailto:CrailBrownies@yahoo.com) or come along on Monday evening at the above times. We look forward to seeing you!

RAINBOWS:

<https://www.girlguiding.org.uk/what-we-do/rainbows-5-7/>

BROWNIES:

<https://www.girlguiding.org.uk/what-we-do/brownies-7-10/>

### Brown Bin Collections in Fife

Details of the winter Brown Bin collection times can be found at the Crail Matters web site: [www.crailmatters.com](http://www.crailmatters.com)

**THE SCOTTISH FISHERIES MUSEUM**  
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ANSTRUTHER

**Scottish Fisheries Museum**  
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Facing Anstruther's picturesque harbour, the Scottish Fisheries Museum tells the fascinating story of the Scottish fishing industry in stunning detail.  
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**TALKS**

**SFM 50 ANNIVERSARY 1969-2019**



You still have time to 'have your say' on the Annual Rent Survey!

Fife Council are proposing an increase in rents in April 2020, and there are 3 options to be considered. Information on the Annual Rent Survey can be found on page 6 of the Winter edition of Down Your Street magazine, which is available at [www.fife.gov.uk/tp](http://www.fife.gov.uk/tp). If you have not yet voted, you still have time and can take part in the following ways:

1. Complete and return the prepaid survey form enclosed within the Winter edition of Down Your Street or alternatively,
  2. Complete the online survey by visiting [www.fife.gov.uk/rentsurvey](http://www.fife.gov.uk/rentsurvey)
- Please respond by 31st January 2020 so we can advise elected members of your views before a final decision is taken in February 2020.

### Coasts and Waters Community Fund now open

Scottish Natural Heritage has launched a new fund for #YCW2020 – Plunge In! The Coasts and Waters Community Fund – which creates new opportunities for communities to connect with their coasts, seas and freshwaters. The fund offers grants (£2,000 – £10,000) to help community groups participate in and celebrate #YCW2020 in their own way.

Applications are invited for a wide range of imaginative projects relating to our coasts and waters – projects might include, for example, plans for restoring habitats, carrying out local surveys or promoting and celebrating your local environment or wildlife. Scottish Natural Heritage want these projects to make a lasting difference to Scotland, so they should leave a legacy from the year – for example through improved skills and knowledge, or the creation of a resource for the local community.

Nature Reserve Travel Grants of up to £500 are also available to allow groups of young people to connect with our coasts and waters by visiting one of Scotland's many stunning national or local nature reserves.

The fund will open for applications between 7 January and 28 February 2020. All projects must take place between April and December 2020.

So why not Plunge In?! Get involved, be creative, help your local environment and wildlife, and care for your local coasts and waters.

For any enquiries, contact [PlungeIn@nature.scot](mailto:PlungeIn@nature.scot)

Information for applicants and application forms are available here:

<https://www.nature.scot/ycw2020-plunge-coasts-and-waters-community-fund-information-applicants>



**New !  
Seated or Standing  
Gentle Exercise Classes for  
the 60s+**

**Starting Wed 29<sup>th</sup> Jan 2020  
12.30 - 1.30 p.m.**

**British Legion Hall,  
Nethergate, Crail.**

**No getting on / off the floor.**

**Ladies & gents all welcome.  
Just turn up!**

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**Contact Caroline for more info: 01334 652720 or  
07903 675 611**

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## Letters to the Editor

Dear Sir

Are there other members of the Crail Community who feel, as I do, that the long and extremely noisy firework display in the village as 2020 arrived was a very regrettable intrusion into our lives? The people responsible may have been wildly keen to welcome the new decade, but I wish they had not chosen this way of marking its arrival.

Those of us who have pets, especially dogs, know the suffering that fireworks cause. To see a dog running in agitation from room to room, from inside to outside, hiding in any available dark corner, trembling violently and inconsolably ... that should be enough to make any civilised and caring human being desist from setting off fireworks.

And was there any public announcement that this outburst of noise was being planned? Maybe I missed it. Certainly, if this is the way that Crail plans to mark the arrival of a new year, I and my dog will be far, far away.

*Jean Nale*

Dear Sir

May I ask through your pages for an update from Crail Preservation Society on progress with tree planting in the field opposite Denburn Woods? Given the climate emergency, this is something we can do to help.

*Lignum Amans, Crail*

## SCAM WARNING - AMAZON PRIME

Members of the public are being targeted with automated calls stating that the recipient has been charged for an Amazon Prime subscription. The callers use this lure as a way to gain access to the recipient's online banking account.



How does it work?

1. The victim receives an automated call stating that they've been charged for an Amazon Prime subscription. They're asked to press 1 to cancel the charge, this connects them directly to the fraudster.
2. A fraudster, posing as an Amazon customer service representative, then tells the victim that the Prime subscription was purchased fraudulently and that they need remote access to the victim's computer in order to fix a security flaw that will prevent it from happening again.
3. The victim is asked to download an application called Team Viewer, which grants the fraudster remote access to the victim's computer.
4. The victim is then asked to log onto their online banking account whilst the criminals are able to monitor everything via Team Viewer.

Other variants of the crime involve fraudsters stating the recipient is due a refund for an unauthorised transaction on their Amazon account.

What to do?

Always question uninvited approaches in case it's a scam. Instead, contact the company directly using a known email or phone number.

Have the confidence to refuse unusual requests for personal or financial information.

It's easy to feel embarrassed when faced with unexpected or complex conversations but it's okay to stop the discussion if you do not feel in control of it.

Never install any software or visit a website as a result of a cold call. Unsolicited requests for remote access to your computer should always raise a red flag.

For more information on scams and how to protect yourself go to <https://www.friendsagainstscams.org.uk/>

## Community Transport

Transport service for people with visual impairments in the East Fife area.

Royal Voluntary Service  
volunteers provide Community Transport



for trips where mobility issues can make it difficult, if not impossible, for you to use public transport or if you live in rural areas with limited transport. Trips usually include getting to or from hospital or to a GP appointment but can also include trips to the shops or into town or to social activities. Telephone: 0330 555 0310

Email: [fifegnhs@royalvoluntaryservice.org.uk](mailto:fifegnhs@royalvoluntaryservice.org.uk)

Or have someone do it on your behalf:

<https://www.royalvoluntaryservice.org.uk/ourservices/service-enquiry?serviceid=884>

## Crail Parish Church of Scotland (Charity registered in Scotland SC 001601)

Linked with St Ayle

Please Remember our Services start at

**9:45am, followed by tea/coffee in the Tower**

Stepping Stone coffee morning every Tuesday

10.00 - 11.30 at St Ayles@Anstruther

Chatbite every Wednesday 10:00-12 noon in Crail Kirk Hall

Crail Monday Meetings are held in Crail Town Hall every Monday from 2:15pm. This week's talk is about "Drumming Explained" by Eric Morris. Anyone is welcome to join.

Thursday 23rd : Guild's 65th Birthday Party in the Kirk Hall at 2:15pm

Sunday 26th January: Sole Nominee Rev John Murray will preach in Crail Church at 9:45am then in St Ayle@Cellardyke at 11:30am

Items for the next issue of The Karail are due to be with Heather by 20th January, this issue will have information and dates in through to the end of June. Please send them to [heatheraird@btinternet.com](mailto:heatheraird@btinternet.com)

Heather Aird will be running a REHIS Elementary Food Hygiene Course to develop knowledge & skills for working/volunteering in a food environment. The course costs £10 & will run on Saturday 8th February 9am-1pm & Saturday 22nd February 9am-1pm. You must attend both days. If you would like to complete the course, please email Heather [heatheraird@btinternet.com](mailto:heatheraird@btinternet.com).

Pastoral visits: As we now have no locum please let the elders or myself (Helen) know if anyone requires a visit especially where people have been admitted to hospital.

## Listening Ear:

Do you need to talk to anyone?

I offer a voluntary community service to anyone who needs a confidential chat.

Although I am not a therapist, over the past thirty years, I have been privileged to be able to help others talk through a range of personal issues in confidence and without being judgemental.

So, if you would like to have a confidential chat, call me to arrange a suitable time and place.

**Gordon Kirkland – 01333 451133**

## Skeith Surgery

**Routine GP appointments** - appointments released Monday at 2pm for Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday morning for the following week. Appointments released Wednesday at 2 pm for Wednesday afternoon, Thursday and Friday the following week.

**Nurse appointments** can be booked approx 1 month in advance.

## Useful Emergency Numbers

<b>Samaritans</b>	<b>116 123</b>
<b>Breathing Space</b>	<b>0800 838587</b>
<b>Social Work Out Of Hours Emergencies</b>	<b>03451 55 00 99</b>
<b>Adult Protection Phone Line</b>	<b>01383 602200</b>
<b>Child Protection or Social Work</b>	<b>03451 551503</b>
<b>NHS24</b>	<b>111</b>
<b>Police</b>	<b>101</b>
<b>CARF (Citizen's Advice &amp; Rights)</b>	<b>0345 1400 095</b>
<b>Homeless Emergency Number</b>	<b>0800 028 6231</b>

## Crail Monday Club, now Crail Monday Meetings

Crail Monday Club, now Crail Monday Meetings, restarted in early December and has enjoyed good attendance and involvement at the new location, Crail Town Hall.

During the past few months applications for funding for the Monday Meetings were made to Fife Council and The National Lottery. Both were successful and a total of £3,970 will shortly be available to support future events. The organising committee would like to extend an invitation to people that would like to join in

and in particular would appreciate support for organising future events. The next meeting is scheduled for the 13th January 2020, and will start at the usual time of 2:15 (in the Town Hall).

**20th January** Eric Morris - *Drumming explained*

**27th January** Jack Jarvis - *Wild Highland - Ardnarmurchan*

**3rd February** Eric Morris - *History of Golf in Crail*

**10th February** Brian Clarke - *Northern Norway*

**17th February** Will Cresswell - *Antartica*

**24th February** Rotary Choir



## The Crail Seagull

My little friend in the High Street tells me that the toilet doors are still unlocked. He thinks the doors have swollen, and won't properly close. I remember looking in on a Community Council meeting when there was a row about the cost of the repairs - as ever, what a good job the Council seem to have done!!

I went to visit an old friend after the New Year. They have a charming youngster who had learned at school this rhyme:

*"Seagull, seagull sit on the sand. It's never good weather when you're on land."*

Not so much a predictor of weather, but an indicator of weather already being bad I thought - but still, one of those interesting folk sayings.

### R.B.S. Mobile Branch Timetable

Tuesdays:  
St. Andrews Road Car Park, Anstruther – 2.15pm - 3.00pm;  
Thursdays:  
North Marketgate, Crail – 10.20am 10.50am



Scottish Country Dancing

**Crail Town Hall**

**Wednesdays at 7:30 pm**

**October to March**  
(Starts October 2nd)

***Come and join us!***

### Crail Mobile Post Office Service

Location - Along High Street opposite the Beehive

Opening times:

Monday: 1400-1600  
Tuesday: 1400-1600  
Wednesday: 1400-1600

### Mobile Library

The mobile library calls at Marketgate from 10:00 to 11:00 every 2nd Thursday.  
Next Dates: 30 January

### Crail Hospital Car Service

Crail is full of good neighbours and it is they who provide the Hospital Car Service. It's only when you can't drive because you or the car is sick, or it is too daunting to think of standing in the cold, waiting for a return bus from the health centre or the dentist, or you need to get to Kirkcaldy hospital that you wish for a bit of help. Maybe you're new to Crail and don't know many people yet. That bit of help is there and has been for 54 years in Crail. It's the Hospital Car Service. If you could do with that bit of help, ring. 01333 450096.

## The Royal Burgh of Crail and District Community Council Notes



### Next Community Council Meeting 27 January

The first item on the agenda of the next Community Council meeting will be the appointment of a new secretary. The following will also be discussed:

Update Crail Partnership  
Planning Applications Changes  
Common Good Application: MUGA repainting sponsored by Crail Community Trust  
Crail Outdoor Nursery  
Freedom Camping – Fife Coast and Countryside Trust position paper

### Greens of Crail - reusing plastic

The scallop tubs which are quite well made and are ideal for salmon are available if anyone would prefer a reusable tub instead of a plastic bag - please ask. Also if anyone wishes to bring in their own plastic tubs for haddock there is no issue as it can simply be tared on the scales. We also now have stock fish dressing and its available in pre used plastic tubs or loose if anyone would like to bring in a jar or tub.  
*thanks Clem at Greens`*

### Advert/Copy Submission to Crail Matters

The Editors are happy to accept material for publication in a variety of formats, but we prefer .jpg and .pdf copy. We would urge anyone submitting material to have regard to efficient use of space - we cannot guarantee to publish in original format large adverts designed as posters. We reserve the right to edit material.

### Crail Community Partnership and Crail Charrette

Crail Community Partnership invite all members of the Crail Community to join. An application form can be found here:

<https://crailmatterscom.files.wordpress.com/2019/07/membership-form-short.pdf>

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