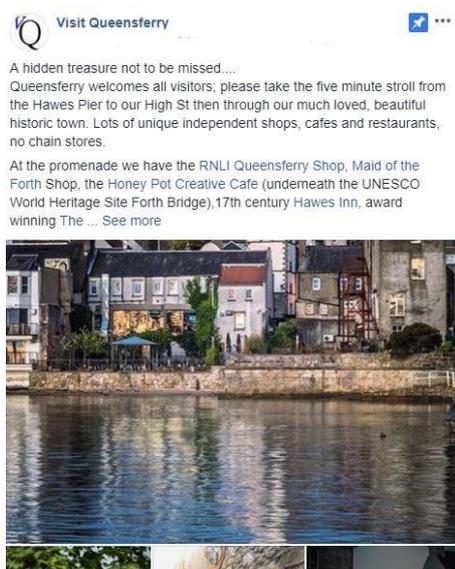


QDCC Communications Report - Mar 2019



The [QDCC Facebook page](#) remains the most popular public interaction media supporting our website with over 2,800 followers.

The [Visit Queensferry Facebook page](#) continues to grow in popularity with over 760 followers.

The post (pic left) promoting Queensferry was updated and has now reached 42,500 people.

Lots of events happening in and around Queensferry this year, listed in the events tab on the [What's on in South Queensferry Facebook page](#). Please encourage any organisers to add their events to this now 'go to' list.

Social media

The proposed expansion of the **South Scotsoun development** by Taylor Wimpey raised some issues. However, most related to the general increase in housing without surrounding support. This proposal is another (up to) 47 homes over and above the 341 already approved.

The approval of the **commercial unit in Dalmeny Park** sparked mixed reactions. Some residents were unaware of the height of the proposed building and the ownership of the adjacent car park.

High St repair – general acceptance that it is what it is. Businesses have been engaging directly with Scottish Water on site over signage, the short lived portacabin, compensation, etc.

Not much reaction to the **three parking restrictions (dyl) notices** discussed other than one resident directly affected who intends to object.

QDCC Minute secretary post advertised – not aware of any response as yet.

Despite much information previously posted, a number of residents are of the misunderstanding that **Glenforth Court** (Link) will be a care home.

Youth Engagement

Isla continues to engage with QCHS and has created a new CEC paid part time post for a **Sports Development Worker** to coordinate between schools, youths and local facility organisers to highlight, promote and engage all three. Some initial interests in the post have been registered.

QCHS are also driving an '**Including Everyone Community Event**'. Scheduled for June, it aims to highlight awareness of some challenges facing today's youth. Subjects covered in workshops include –

- Raising Awareness of Mental Health
- Relationships for Life and Learning
- Understanding Autism
- Supporting Our LGBTI+ Community
- Post School Pathways and Destination

It is intended to openly invite the community to an evening (from 5pm) at the High School which will involve a menu of simultaneously rolling workshops (approx 40 mins each) on the above headers.

Cruise Liners Update

Following the abysmal response from CEC Flood Prevention which indicated no intended change to the liner coach set up, Keith and I escalated this to Paul Lawrence, Executive Director of Place, CEC. As a result, the issue was brought back on to the table of CEC officials and we await news on the resulting alterations, which we understand at this point will release some car park space back to the public in the afternoons. Unclear yet as to whether any of the other issues have been addressed.

CruiseForth will be holding a volunteers briefing on 24th April which local businesses have been invited to attend.

Also happening on 24th April should be the launch of the long awaited (and postponed from last December) **Forth Bridges Area Tourism Strategy**, due to be launched by cabinet secretary, Fiona Hyslop MSP. In theory this should provide a framework to base funding applications on.

Other business

The Forth Bridges Forum public meeting was well attended again. Same questions raised around traffic management on QC, QC roundabout, Forth Road Bridge, etc. First review now due as it is one year after motorway status completed, this is expected to last until the autumn.

Forth Bridge lighting is now down to 20% working. Decision to be made by Network Rail on investment towards repairing existing sodium lights and units or replace with LED.

Lesley Gould will be starting a pop up Play Cafe in Dalmeny Church Hall on Thursday afternoons 12-3pm from April. Once a month to begin, hopefully growing from there. Lesley is looking for volunteers to help out, preferably school pupils in the high years looking for work experience in that field. Great opportunity for anyone, as she has a wealth of relevant knowledge and experience as well as willingness and desire to coach.

Volunteering Fair



Saturday 30th March
10am – 12pm
Queensferry Parish Church

Queensferry Churches
Care in the Community

Kids love Clothes

First Responders

RNLI CleanFerry Girls Brigade

The Hub Queensferry Sports & Community

Barnardos

Rotary

Echline Community Woodland

Foodbank

Scouts & Girlguiding

... and more!

Come and meet some of the many volunteers who do amazing things for our community, learn more about these projects, and find out how you can join in.

Supporting others - improving lives

Maureen Willis has arranged a **volunteer recruitment day on Saturday 30th March**.

Obviously a number of voluntary organisations and groups in the area, not least of which is our own, QDCC.

An opportunity to draw some attention and attract more people to help us tackle the many issues that lay ahead.

Note: As at this point we do not have a place arranged at this venue. Please let me know if anyone is able and willing to attend.

G.McKinley, 24th Mar 2019