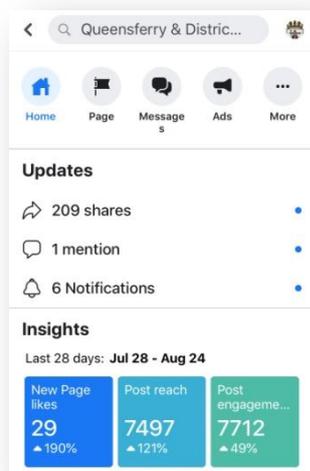


QDCC Communications Report - Aug 2019



The [QDCC Facebook page](#) remains the most popular public interaction media with almost 3,000 followers. Our website issues have been resolved and we have full control of the account now. Many thanks to Frank Hay for his assistance and David Learmond for suggesting Frank. More on that below.

The [Visit Queensferry Facebook page](#) continues to grow in popularity with 870+ followers.

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.

Local Social media

Temporary traffic lights at Hopetoun crossroads and Station Rd are lasting longer than hoped and patience is waning. Latest updates disseminated through pages.

Some issues relating to **tree/bush over growth** on to public paths however, ownership and responsibility is unclear in some cases.

The information from **SGN on road closures** is complex and incomplete with many questions asked and bus diversions unclear to public. Clarity is required.

Scotmid intend to introduce ANPR control of their car park from beginning of Sept. Two hour max stay, no return within one hour. Yet to get official confirmation of operating hours but Mon-Sat 8am-6pm and Sunday 1pm-6pm appears to be the times. This is to alleviate a growing problem of customers unable to park.

Many local areas affected by the **flash flooding** this month. Some damage and unpleasant waste left in Binks car park from the drains and flowing from the Hawes toilets.

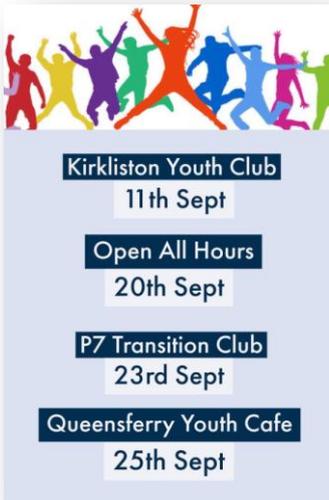
The 5pm parking restriction **TTRO for the Museum car park** on Ferry Fair Friday was ignored by a number of drivers (car park was full at 9:30pm). After social media appeals, one remaining car had to be lifted in the morning.

The **Ferry Fair** went well, very few and minor incidents reported in the scale of the week. Well attended events with very positive feedback and a fantastic Saturday, just in time weather wise.

Youth Engagement

The **SPARKS Fest** in July, aimed at 11-16 year olds, was very successful and well received. This will be built upon for the future.

Police Scotland worked with the Sea cadets to distribute 1000 x CAP (**Community Alcohol Partnership**) leaflets highlighting the issues surrounding proxy purchasing of alcohol by adults for kids, a common source according to feedback from local kids.



The **Outdoor Youth Concert** held in Hawthorn Bank Gardens went extremely well and will also be built upon.

The **Youth clubs** will commence again in Sep, some clubs worked better than others over the summer, adjustments recommended for next year.

An **LGBT** club has been set up for Tuesday evenings in response to demand.

Cruise Liners Update

Coach Management

There is talk of a CEC review being held on the cruise visits arrangements; QDCC has yet to receive any invitation to the table.

However meantime, very concerning to hear that cllr Lesley MacInnes has stated that the liner visits will continue between Mon-Thurs of Ferry Fair week as *“the additional traffic can be managed by the one-way traffic system”*.

This flies in the face of all previous talks and the email confirmed decision by CEC in Jan 2018 to block all future bookings in the full week Sun-Sun. Unsurprisingly, yet again, it illustrates the attitude that the accommodation of the coaches is all that matters to CEC. The fact that Ferry Fair is Queensferry’s showcase week, with significant upturn in visitors, the car park out of commission and yet we are expected to think it is ok to add congestion at the pier and throw vast numbers of coaches through the High St, Station Road, etc. because a one way system is in place! Needless to say, if this has been a reversal of the previous decision, QDCC and presumably our ward councillors have not been party to any such discussion.

Other business

The **QDCC website** is now back up and running. We have control of the account and can see that the site is almost at its full capacity. We therefore are proposing to archive some older reports dating back as far as Jan 2012. Suggesting we initially keep 5 years worth of reports on the site and see how much capacity that gives us back. Archives and back up to be stored externally. We are also looking to update the website to a more modern mobile friendly format. Frank Hay has kindly offered to assist us.

Spotlight Magazine are looking for community content & local feedback. Bi-monthly publication, cut off for content around 10th of preceding month e.g. 10th Sep for Oct/Nov edition, etc. Any suggested community content can be emailed to hello@spotlight-mag.co.uk

Local Events – Queensferry has had a busy schedule of events this year. Please encourage any local organisers to create a 'Facebook event' which will get picked up and added to the [What's on in South Queensferry Facebook Events page](#) chronological list, increasing the reach significantly.

The Burryman received national coverage with a two page spread in the Scottish Daily Mail.

The unveiling of the **Queensferry Mosaic Mural** in Hawthorn Bank Walled Garden received coverage in the Telegraph, Herald, Scotsman and Evening News. This is a significant addition to Queensferry's portfolio and a great attraction.

Progress Rail held a family open day on 24th aug,. Factory tours and Bio-Diversity walks, very impressive and well attended.

New **out of school hours club** for P1-7's started this month at the Queensferry Sports & Community Hub.



The Jets
Exciting News!!!

Jets Activity Club is opening for start of new term
@ South QueensferryCommunity Hub.

Activities will be indoor & outdoor: including sports / woodland
and den building / crafts / board games / chill zone

Monday to Thursday School pick-up until 5.45pm

P1 & P2 - £13.95
P3 to P7 - £12.95

Snack Included



Volunteering Opportunities in South Queensferry

Are you looking for a local volunteering role?
Do you enjoy working with people?

- Use your life experience to support others
- Help run a weekly 2 hour peer support group
- Support your own wellbeing
- Develop new skills
- Receive on-going training and support from Health in Mind

Contact information
 Health in Mind: 0131 225 8508 - ask for Zoë Reid
 Email: zoe.reid@health-in-mind.org.uk

Health in Mind is a charity registered in Scotland SC004128



**Confused by email?
 Worried about viruses?
 Baffled by Facebook?**

City of Edinburgh Council are running a 10 week **Computing for Beginners** course in Queensferry High School on Wednesdays 4-6pm beginning 23rd September

Classes will be run by experienced & friendly tutor
 Enrol online at www.edinburgh.gov.uk/adultcourses
 or call 0131 469 3005



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