



West Lothian 50+ Network
Minutes of Members Meeting – 16th October 2021

1. Members were welcomed, particularly new members, by Anne.
2. **Jim Allan from West Lothian Litter Pickers** (a Constituted Community Group) gave a very interesting talk, covering the origins of the Group, the benefits, and the plans for the future. They have a membership of 3,042 and have collected 30,000 bags of litter in the last two years. A collection was taken up for this good cause and £108 was raised.
3. **GROUPS** – The French Café will resume on Tuesday 19th October from 7 pm to 8.30 pm mainly on zoom. New members are welcome. The Group have decided to meet face-to-face on the 1st Tuesday of the month in a café/bar/restaurant – venues will vary. There are now 3 native French speakers helping. There is also a link with Bathgate's twin town, Cran-Gevrier, in France. If you wish to join, please give your name to the Hub, who, in turn, will give your name to group leader Lorna.
4. **HOLIDAYS – Isle of Skye & Plockton Cruise** – sold out
Date – Monday 11th April to Friday 15th April 2022.
Deposit £30 payable to the Hub from Wednesday 29th September.
Total cost £365 per person.
5. **TRIPS**
2022 trip – The Enchanted Forest in Pitlochry.
Date – Sunday 30th October 2022.
Cost £39 (This includes the cost of coach transport and admission to the Enchanted Forest).
There is an option for High Tea at Fishers Hotel at 16.00 at an additional cost of £16 per head. Total payment required by February 2022.

Next trip – Autumn in the Trossachs & Perthshire – sold out
Date – Saturday 30th October
Cost - £15 per person
This trip will visit Killin, Kenmore and Dunkeld. Please note that this trip takes place on a Saturday and transport is provided by Golden Eagle Coaches.
Pick up – **New Railway Station, Bathgate.**
Depart 9.30am and return 5.15 pm

New Trip – Pentland Plants and New Lanark.
Date – Saturday 27th November
Cost £22 per person which includes a Poinsettia
We will visit one of the biggest growers in the UK with a behind the scenes tour of the nursery glasshouses in full bloom. The tour will last 45 minutes to 1 hour. After some free time there, we will move on to the UNESCO World

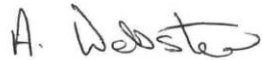
Heritage site at New Lanark. There is a Makers Market being held that day selling local produce, unique gins, upcycled furniture, ceramics and scents.

Pick up – **New Railway Station, Bathgate.**

Time of departure and return to be confirmed.

This trip will go on sale on Wednesday 27th October 2021.

NEXT MEETING – SATURDAY 20th NOVEMBER 2021 when the speaker will be from West Lothian School Bank, our chosen charity for this year.



**Anne Webster - Convenor
West Lothian 50+ Network**



ADDITIONAL *Update*

Partner Announcement: Bathgate Rotary from Fiona Low

Bathgate Rotary came back face to face a few weeks ago and we are starting some new projects in Bathgate and would love if some of your members would be able to help.

The first is SAMH which is a mental health project working on a garden project to improve well-being space for those with mental health issues.

It would be a good starting point to meet some of our Rotarians and maybe integrate with our other garden projects within the town

Stewart Segrott is our lead Rotarian who would coordinate everything and can be as little or as much time as anyone can give.

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