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SPRINGING INTO LIFE

A LOCAL school has hatched an exciting Spring project for some of its youngest pupils.

Hamilton's St Mary's primary joined forces with the 'Living Eggs Project', a nationwide programme helping to bring science and nature to life.

Primary 2 pupils, including Orlaith McCann, pictured right, and their teachers were excited to take on a 10-day experiment which allowed them to follow the progress of 4 incubated eggs as they hatched.

The six chicks – five boys and one girl – were even named by the children before they bid them farewell last week.

The chicks - Tierney, Lola, Branch, Tweety, Easter and Snowy are now on their way to be reared in free-range farms in the West of Scotland.

Class teacher Denise Tierney said: "The children have absolutely loved the project which gave them a unique and hands-on chance to find out about life cycles of animals.

"It's not every day you can be in the class doing a maths lesson only for the noise of a hatching chick to be your backing track!"



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BUDGET FIGHTS POVERTY IN SOUTH LANARKSHIRE

THIS year's council budget will add to measures to "poverty-proof" the school day in South Lanarkshire.

Plans approved as part of South Lanarkshire Council's budget for 2019-20 include an increase to £130 in the grant awarded to low income families to pay for clothes and footwear for children to wear to school.

That is £30 more than the minimum grant set nationally and one of the largest grants in Scotland. More than 12,000 pupils will benefit from the increase.

The moves come after the council had already introduced "auto enrolment" where pupils whose families get certain benefits are automatically entitled to free school meals and clothing grants. The council is also to continue rolling out free breakfast clubs and

holiday lunch clubs in primary schools.

Council Leader John Ross said: "Austerity is an issue for all local authorities but South Lanarkshire is a very efficient council and we continue to seek better ways of providing our services. As a result we have yet again been able to identify ways to improve the lives and life prospects of our residents, especially our younger folk.

"By increasing clothing grants we are making it easier for families which may be struggling financially to get their children equipped for school. It would be tragic if any child didn't reach their potential because they were held back by poverty, and by adding to measures which have already been put in place by the council we are working towards 'poverty-proofing' the school day."

An amendment by opposition groups removed a proposal to introduce free school meals for all 6,000 pupils in Primary 4 and Primary 5, which would have added to current free school meal provision in P1 to P3.

Cllr Ross said: "I am disappointed that we could not get support for this proposal, as research clearly shows providing nutritious free school meals has a positive impact on attainment and helps tackle childhood obesity. However, the SNP is a minority administration and we could not drive through all our progressive measures."

The budget means the council will instead work towards implementing "Free at 3" nursery provision for implementation by the August 2019 school intake.

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Sign up here to directly influence policy

RESIDENTS of South Lanarkshire can now be further involved in the council's decision making processes thanks to a new Petitions Committee.

The committee will consider petitions which are about the services the council provide or issues that affect communities.

The petition can be submitted by email, by post or by hand, should be titled and include a statement of no more than 250 words which covers its purpose and details the results the person would expect to achieve by presenting it.

It must have a minimum of 50 signatories who must live in South Lanarkshire or be directly affected by the issue that the petition is raising. For small communities the Chair of the Petitions Committee may lower the minimum number of signatures needed.

Leader of South Lanarkshire Council, Councillor John Ross, said: "We are determined to explore every opportunity we can to give communities the opportunity to directly influence council policy."

"We feel one way of doing this is through a Petitions Committee."

"I am sure it is something that the people of South Lanarkshire will welcome."

Comments or complaints should be dealt with by the usual council procedures, mainly by visiting the website.

A full list of petitions that the council will not consider, details on how to submit a petition and other relevant information is available at www.southlanarkshire.gov.uk/petitions.

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The package also set a 3% increase in Council Tax and included a package of savings and efficiencies for 2019/20 totalling £10.764 million across the council. It was also agreed to put up to £100,000 into initiatives against litter, fly-tipping and dog-fouling.

Council also agreed to make a one-off transfer of £0.720m from reserves to the capital budget for roads. The 2019/20 budget approval followed

earlier agreement on capital investment plans for 2019/20, and in November the council's Executive Committee approved a 10-year Capital Investment Strategy which identified £400 million more investment in South Lanarkshire.

In 2019 the council's £850m-plus primary schools modernisation programme will be completed, and work will continue on the Roads Investment Programme.

**BETTER WAYS:**
Council Leader John Ross

COUNCIL TO INCREASE AND IMPROVE HOUSING STOCK

MORE than £62m will be spent in the next financial year on new council homes and improving existing council housing in South Lanarkshire.

As part of the council's commitment to build 1000 new homes, more than £38m will be spent delivering a total of 193 new homes during 2019/20.

And the council's commitment to its existing housing stock will also continue.

This will include almost £9m spent on central heating upgrades or installations, £6m upgrading the external fabric of buildings, £2m on energy efficiency works, more than £1.3m on environmental works and £250,000 on kitchens and bathrooms.

Chair of the Housing committee, Councillor Josh Wilson, said: "This significant investment for the year ahead shows our commitment to ensuring all council tenants are living in modern, energy efficient homes which are suitable for their needs."

"The budget also allows us to substantially increase the number of new council homes."

"This will provide modern living standards, with innovative and flexible styles to meet a range of needs."



Award recognises dedication

A social worker who has been instrumental in developing Women's Hubs in South Lanarkshire has been commended for her sterling work.

Margaret McMullen, a Resource Worker for Women's Justice Services, was also recognised by The Butler Trust for 'extraordinary personal support' she has brought into many lives.

The Butler Trust, a registered charity, recognises, celebrates, develops and shares outstanding work and best practice across UK prisons, probation and youth justice.

Margaret said: "I love my job and love the people that I work with."

"I feel privileged to work with so many wonderful people and individuals; the majority of whom I have seen change and develop into strong and resilient people with bright futures and aspirations."

Community Justice Co-ordinator Isobel McCarthy explained that Margaret's commitment to the Hubs' development has been exemplary.

Isobel said: "Margaret is one of the most dedicated members of staff I have ever had the privilege to meet."

"She is constantly seeking new opportunities for the women to become involved in new experiences. When one woman joined the Hub with hearing

difficulties, for example, Margaret organised for all the women to get taster sessions in sign language and she is now completing British Sign Language with some of the women from the Hubs."





SUSTAINABLE SCHOOL LEADS RECYCLING REVOLUTION

SIMPLE IDEA: Jemma McDougall S2; Jessica Hagan S6; Moray Blackwood S3 Pupil Parliament; Mikey Nicol S1 at the reverse vending machine (L to R)

A SECONDARY school in East Kilbride is leading a recycling revolution – as the first in the country to install a unique ‘reverse’ vending machine.

In the first fortnight the pupils of St Andrew’s and St Bride’s High School has recycled almost 3000 cans and plastic bottles as part of the pilot project instigated by South Lanarkshire Council.

Scotland’s fifth largest local authority chose St Andrew’s and St Bride’s High to test the new machine, as sustainability issues are high on the school’s agenda.

Its ‘Pupil Parliament’ was keen to showcase these green credentials and agreed to work with the council’s Facilities team, and EK-based Excel Vending who devised and manufacture the machine, by taking on the four-week challenge.

Pupils who recycle the most individually also stand to gain, with prizes of vouchers towards cycling equipment going to the top six contributors.

S3 pupil rep Moray Blackwood says the entire student body has embraced the initiative. “It literally is a vending machine in reverse, taking back the plastic bottles and cans we use every day. For every item we put in, we get a token which we write our names on and post in the vending box. At the end of the trial we will count them up and give out the prizes.

“It’s such a simple but ingenious idea that if rolled out to all schools could make a huge difference to our environment. Our Pupil Parliament is proud that our High school is the first in Scotland to embrace the idea.”

Head Teacher Fiona Mullen is also fully on board with the project, praising pupils across the school for their enthusiasm, adding: “This entire initiative has been pupil-led as our young people react to the messages we hear each day about the world they are growing up in.

“At recent assemblies, for example, we have learned that one million plastic bottles are bought around the world every minute, as well as two million plastic bags.

Plastic is also killing more than 1.1m seabirds and animals each year.

“Here in St Andrew’s and St Bride’s we want to try to help with this massive issue. The pupil parliament designed a logo – St A and St B hungry to be plastic free - and we hope the reverse vending machine will help to focus our minds.”

The machine works around a 360-degree recognition system which picks up the barcode, material, size and dimensions of an item before crushing, compacting and dropping it into a bag which can hold up to 800 bottles and cans.

The Scottish Government recently announced plans for a deposit return scheme for drinks containers and has launched a consultation.

Depending on the outcome the pupils of St Andrew’s and St Bride’s could be pioneers for an initiative soon coming to schools, shops and offices across the country.

ALIEU’S STORY HELPS INSPIRE PUPILS



CHILDREN at Hamilton School for the Deaf recently welcomed a very special visitor.

Fourteen-year-old Muhammed Cham – better known as Alieu – has travelled thousands of miles to Scotland thanks to local charity Project Gambia: People Feeding People.

Alieu was born without ears and is here for life-changing surgery led by ENT consultant Mr Arun Iyer at University Hospital Monklands.

During his trip, Alieu also got the chance to visit local groups and schools and was warmly welcomed by Eileen Burns, the staff and children of Hamilton School for the Deaf.

The pupils taught Alieu some British Sign Language and were equally excited to pick up some Dutch Sign Language in return.

They also used the universal language of football, enjoying a kick-about with the teenager on their 3G pitch, and discussing favourite teams and players.

Said Eileen: “What a joy to meet Alieu and welcome him to our school. His story is a really positive one and was of real interest to our pupils who enjoyed learning about Gambia and Alieu’s life there.

“I’m proud to have had the chance to show him our school and we hope that we can keep in touch to follow his journey after he returns home to Gambia.”

Project Gambia runs a feeding programme and provides hearing aids to St John’s School for the Deaf, Gambia, and it was here in 2015 that Alieu’s story came to light - so beginning what was to be a four-year plan to get him to Scotland.

The charity’s Aidan Curivan added: “This has been the culmination of years of hard work by Project Gambia volunteers who never gave up despite set-backs along the way. We made a promise to Alieu and we are thrilled to be able to deliver that promise.

“It’s a long time for Alieu to be away from his family, although he keeps in touch by ‘face time’ via a phone we were able to give to his dad. Meeting so many new friends and wellwishers has been such a boost.”

The charity is in huge need of volunteers across Lanarkshire to allow them to continue their work both with St John’s School for the Deaf and recently included new project, St Patrick’s Lower Basic School in Gambia.

For more information or to offer some spare time contact aidancuri@sky.com
You can also support the ongoing work at www.justgiving.com/project-gambia

KICKABOUT: Alieu with pupils from Hamilton School for the Deaf



MAKING SURE OUR

Pupils are at the heart of South Lana

SCHOOLS across South Lanarkshire are ensuring they are safe and inspiring places to learn by using innovative techniques to tackle bullying.

An overall strategy which is the main starting point to help pupils and staff deal with a wide range of issues is called Treat Me Well and was launched last year.

It provides guidance developed in line with Respect for All – the National Approach to Anti Bullying for Scotland's Children and Young People.

There are five key components to Treat Me Well: a clear working definition of bullying in line with the national approach; a positive ethos; positive strategies and structures; a procedure for handling bullying incidents; and recording, monitoring, evaluating and reporting.

Schools then use this to look at the ways in which they can adopt elements of the strategy into their own environment.

Chair of South Lanarkshire Council's Education Resources Committee, Councillor Katy Loudon, said: "We take the issue of bullying very seriously and it is important that we have clear definitions of what bullying is, how it is recognised and the supports we have in place to help anyone suffering from it.

"Staff, parents, carers, partner agencies, but most importantly children and young people, all had input into the Treat Me Well strategy.

"We want to encourage the creation of learning environments that are safe, nurturing, respectful and free from fear, abuse and discrimination."

In this issue of the South Lanarkshire View we look at three schools and how they are using the strategy as the starting point to tackle bullying.

For more information on the Council's 'Treat me well' guidelines, go to: bit.ly/2UNGqZ7

Finding 'head space'

Recognising the pressures of modern life and the negative impact it can have on young people has been the main focus of workshops held recently at Calderglen High School in East Kilbride.

The "Headspace" workshops allow young people to reflect on their wellbeing and teach them strategies to not carry too many pressures or anxieties with them.

The annual event features a room with a range of different stations to allow young people time to reflect, think and explore areas which support positive wellbeing.

It includes asking the young people to disconnect from social media for a while and give them a change to reflect on their emotions.

Head Teacher Liz White said: "This has been such a positive experience for our school and has given us clear insights into what we need to focus on to promote positive mental health further.



SAFE:
Pupil Michela
Whiteside

"Headspace has offered our young people such creative activities which are relevant to their experiences and challenges growing up.

"I am delighted about the benefits which have been reported to me by so many pupils and staff who are observing the positive impact on young people."

Sixth year pupil Michela Whiteside said: "I feel that room enabled the people taking part to be able to get in touch with their feelings and emotions in a safe and quite environment.

"It helped me realise how much time I spend on social media."

SUPPORT: Members of the Anti-bullying committee with teacher Rachel Marsh, who was instrumental in starting the committee



SCHOOLS ARE SAFE

rkshire's campaign to tackle bullying

Minister's praise

Involving pupils, parents, carers and teachers in the fight against bullying was the main driver behind an innovative approach at Holy Cross High School.

An Anti-Bullying Committee has been established at the Hamilton school, and a range of initiatives have been implemented in order to support all young people within the school.

The Deputy First Minister and Cabinet Secretary for Education and Skills, John Swinney, recently visited the school and praised the approach being taken.

Posters have been placed around the school which are designed to educate young people on the different types of bullying that exist.

An anti-bullying box has been installed which gives a discreet way of someone reporting if they are being bullied. Pupils can write a note with the details of what they are going through and any issues will be dealt with quickly and passed onto pupil support.



ANONYMOUS: The Anti-bullying box

A lunchtime support club has also been established which provides a safe place for young people to go where they can receive advice or support, work on self-resilience and even meet some new friends. The club is available every lunchtime in the study room and is supervised by a member of staff and two Anti-Bullying Committee ambassadors.

Pupils can also now report any instances of bullying online via the school's website.

Head Teacher Carla Fagan said: "The Anti-Bullying Committee is a perfect example of taking something negative and turning it into a positive.

"The pupils, staff, parents and carers who are all involved take great pride in ensuring the processes work and there is always someone available to listen to any problems.

"We recognise that the reasons behind bullying are complex and can involve many different issues but we are determined to ensure that every pupil is aware it is not acceptable under any circumstances, and if it does happen there is someone for the person suffering from it to turn to."

First aid for mental health

It was almost three decades ago that BT first started airing their "It's good to talk" ad campaign.

In the years since, it has evolved into a slogan that highlights how speaking out about problems can be the first steps on the road to solving them.

At Duncanrig Secondary School in East Kilbride, recognising the importance of the mental health and wellbeing of their young people has been at the forefront of work that has been going on for a number of years.

As well as 11 members of staff, seven senior pupils have recently completed Mental Health First Aid training – and being able to talk to peers who have gone through similar experiences is proving invaluable.

Sixth year pupil Heather Gildie said: "We have one lunchtime session a week where pupils can drop in and speak to us about anything.

"We have had training which enables us to give advice and if anything is really serious then we know that we can escalate it to the appropriate level.

Fellow S6 pupil Robeena Mohammed said: "The training has actually been extremely useful in terms of helping us deal with stress on a personal level as well as recognising what fellow pupils might be going through.

"It's also something that we will be able to use throughout our own lives and especially when we go on to have a job of our own."

Head Teacher Lyndsay McRoberts said: "We have a clear agenda at the school to ensure the mental health wellbeing of all our pupils.

"We believe that encouraging our young people to speak out about any issues they may be facing will be extremely beneficial to them.

"Sometimes they might not want to engage with a member of staff – they want someone around their own age, who has perhaps experienced the same thing – to talk to.

"We have a responsibility to our pupils not just on an academic level, but to help them develop and grow into responsible young adults who help and look out for one another."

The school recently held a mental health event which was attended by more than 200 parents, carers and young people.

A counsellor is based at the school two days a week, and they have recently established an LGBT group which meets regularly, plus training for the Diana Award for Anti Bullying is about to get underway.

Lyndsay said: "We recognise that mental health issues are complex and varied – by understanding better what young people are going through, and helping them recognise these issues themselves, we believe it will promote a better understanding of one another and what each individual might be going through."

HELPFUL: S6 Pupil Robeena believes the training will be used throughout her life





New homes for Whitlawburn

In a major step forward, plans have been lodged to build 330 homes in Whitlawburn as part of a £42m housing-led regeneration project.

CCG (Scotland) Ltd, the Cambuslang based construction and manufacturing group appointed to build the new homes, has submitted a planning application in partnership with hub South West for 330 mixed-tenure homes to replace 380 existing flats, with 230 homes for rent and 100 homes for sale.

If planning permission is secured, the rented homes to be delivered on behalf of South Lanarkshire Council and West Whitlawburn Housing Cooperative (WWHC) will include one and two bedroom flats; two, three and four bedroom houses; cottage flats and bungalows. A proportion of the flats, bungalows and ground floor cottage flats are to be to an amenity standard suitable for elderly residents.

Executive Director of Housing and Technical Resources, Daniel Lowe, said:

“A master plan for the area was developed after extensive consultation with the local community over a number of years. A key aim of the masterplan is to create a distinctive and attractive residential development with streetscapes that deliver a seamless, integrated connection between homes for rent and sale and which carefully connects Whitlawburn into surrounding communities”.

Paul Farrell, WWHC Director, said: “West Whitlawburn Housing Cooperative is delighted to be part of such an innovative, exciting and hugely important project for the Whitlawburn area.

“The vision that South Lanarkshire Council is displaying for the future of East Whitlawburn is very impressive.

“We have been enthused by the



councillors' drive, ability and commitment to make this mammoth partnership project work successfully.

“The project will substantially and significantly improve the residential environment for all concerned.”

As part of the overall regeneration and transformation of Whitlawburn, CCG will also undertake a series of community benefit initiatives over the duration of the contract including

job, training and apprenticeship opportunities as well as providing a series of contributions to the local community.

CCG Director, Calum Murray said: “The CCG Group is delighted to have taken the next step forward in the transformation of Whitlawburn where we will ensure that all of the new homes for rent and sale will be delivered to the highest standards of quality and environmental efficiency.”

Communities have their say on 'Local Plan 2'

AROUND 250 people have responded to the council's consultation exercise on the South Lanarkshire Local Development Plan (SLLDP) 2.

Together they raised 502 valid points of representation including objections to, and support for, a broad range of the draft policies and proposals. These have now been examined in detail and grouped into 83 main issues.

Following this detailed assessment and consideration, the proposed plan will be submitted for further examination by the Scottish Government's Directorate for Planning and Environmental Appeals.

The policies which the draft SLLDP contains will be used to assess and determine future development proposals submitted to the council. It also identifies a small number of proposed new development sites, mainly for housing.

It will also ensure developments are sustainably located; maximise the use of vacant and derelict land; utilise renewable energy resources and are as carbon neutral as possible; and avoid areas of flood risk.

Councillor Alistair Fulton, the chair of the council's Planning Committee, said: “SLLDP 2 and the policies it lays out are integral to our vision of promoting the continued growth and regeneration of South Lanarkshire and seeking sustainable economic and social development within a low carbon economy while protecting and enhancing our environment.

“We are grateful to all of those who took the time to give us their views, and we are confident that this plan will continue to promote the best interests of all who live, work and do business in South Lanarkshire.”

FUN FOR ALL THE FAMILY THIS EASTER

WITH the school spring break just around the corner a packed programme of fun filled entertainment to suit all ages is available at cultural venues across South Lanarkshire.

At the East Kilbride Arts Centre, professional caricaturist Neil Smith showcases his unique style with a brand new collection of pictures. Open from 10am until 8pm daily and with free admission, there is also a special section where you can spot your favourite celebrity.

At Rutherglen Town Hall, a fun interactive show for all the family takes place on Tuesday, April 2 – where you choose what happens. Based on the ‘You Choose’ picture books by Pippa Goodhart and Nick Sharratt as inspiration and through a series of games and challenges, each show will come up with a unique story, with different characters every time. Suitable for children aged two to seven, tickets cost £10 (£8 concessions) with a Family Ticket (x4) £30.

Hamilton Town House will host ‘We’re Going On a Bear Hunt’, the smash-hit production direct from London’s West End. Based on the much-loved picture book by Michael Rosen and Helen Oxenbury, this mischievous celebration of play is the perfect treat for families with children aged 3 and up.

Performances take place on Monday, 1 April at 4.30pm and on Tuesday and Wednesday, 2 and 3 April, at 10.30am and 1.30pm. Tickets are £12 or £9 for groups of 10 or more and £8.50 for groups of 20 or more.

Lanark Memorial Hall will host two performances of the zany and hilarious tale, Aliens Love Underpants which is also based on the best-selling children's book. Brought to life on the stage for the first time, the show features stunning effects, madcap action, original music (and lots of aliens of course).

The performances are on Wednesday, 10 April at 1.30pm and 4pm. Tickets cost £10.



For full details and to book tickets go to www.sllcboxoffice.co.uk.

BRIGHT SPARK IS APPRENTICE OF THE YEAR

A YOUNG East Kilbride electrician has won a prestigious Apprentice of the Year title in a national award scheme.

Matthew Lang, 21, who is now in the fourth year of his apprenticeship with South Lanarkshire Council, won the honour from the Association of Public

Service Excellence after impressing judges with his knowledge, ability and enthusiasm at the Scottish Building and Housing seminar

Matthew said: "I love my job and I enjoy going to work so this award is a bit like the icing on the cake."



AWARD: Daniel Lowe with Matthew

"I feel really fortunate to be a South Lanarkshire Council apprentice as the training is really well organised and supported. I am getting loads of hands on practical experience of the job to constantly build on what I learn at college."

South Lanarkshire Council Executive Director of Housing and Technical Resources Daniel Lowe said: "Matthew really deserves this recognition. He is a hard worker, a keen learner and not afraid to ask questions. Matthew is one of the best apprentices I have worked with but he is also a reflection of the council's commitment to creating real opportunities for young people through the Modern Apprenticeship scheme."

South Lanarkshire Council Chair of Housing and Technical Resources Councillor Josh Wilson said: "We are very proud of Matthew for winning this award and it is tribute to his hard work and thirst for knowledge. There is also a feeling of satisfaction in knowing that our Modern Apprenticeship programme is putting the framework in place for South Lanarkshire's young people to be up there with the best in the country."

Seniors Assemble... in Rutherglen

SOUTH Lanarkshire Council recently hosted its first Older People's Assembly of 2019 in Rutherglen Town Hall - offering advice and support to the over 50s.

Organised by Seniors Together, and chaired by Cllr Jim McGuigan, the council's spokesperson for older people, the event was well attended by representatives of a variety of groups and associations from across both Rutherglen and Cambuslang.

There were a number of workshops and presentations from council services and partner organisations focusing on a variety of topics including home safety, consumer advice, and health.

These included:

- Police Scotland,
- Consumer and Trading Standards,
- Scottish Fire & Rescue Services
- NHS Lanarkshire, Audiology services

In amongst the serious messages there was also information on the development of the Seniors Together Mobile Men's Shed and representatives from the local shed came along to display some of their work.

Explained Cllr McGuigan: "The Older People's Assembly is an important date in the Seniors Together calendar, as it gives the opportunity for advice, support and debate in a safe and open environment."

"I was delighted to chat to all who came along and get their feedback on what more we can do as a council to meet the needs of our older citizens in an ever-changing society."

"My thanks go to my colleagues in the Seniors Together team for organising such a successful day, and to all of the partners, services and groups who came along."



The next Assembly for older people will take place in East Kilbride in June 2019. Anyone interested in attending should contact 01698 454105 or email: seniorstogether@southlanarkshire.gov.uk

New CCTV vans will boost safety and reassurance across South Lanarkshire

TWO new hi-tech CCTV vans are helping to bring reassurance and safety to communities across South Lanarkshire.

Operated by South Lanarkshire Council's Community Wardens, the vehicles have been specially fitted out for the council's specific needs.

Each vehicle is equipped with four cameras, one of which is a centrally-mounted 360-degree HD camera. One van has also been fitted with an extendable mast that can raise the camera to a height of four metres, giving the wardens a widespread view of the area as well as immediately around the vehicle.

Both vans can stream live footage for instant viewing and feature HD recording, allowing them to gather live video footage and still photos to be viewed remotely by the council's central CCTV control room or downloaded for evidence purposes.

Executive Director of Housing and Technical Resources Daniel Lowe said: "The vehicles are invaluable in enabling

the Community Wardens teams to patrol across the South Lanarkshire area and to supplement wardens on foot patrols.

"They offer a unique perspective in areas where we need to respond to particular issues, and are a vital part of our overall strategy to address anti-social behaviour in South Lanarkshire."

Councillor Mark Horsham, Chair of the Safer South Lanarkshire Board, said: "The vehicles provide a high-profile deterrent to those who might otherwise engage in anti-social or criminal activities, but importantly their presence can also offer reassurance to communities, and so it is great to see the most up-to-date technology being made available to assist our wardens in this hugely worthwhile work to the best possible extent."

Residents across South Lanarkshire can report Anti-Social Behaviour occurring in their areas to the Council's ASB Team on 0800 389 1105.



NEW: Some of the community wardens with the CCTV vehicles



HEAD OVER HEELS FOR DANISH GYMNASTS

ONE of the world's foremost gymnastics performance teams has wowed audiences across Lanarkshire.

The National Danish Performance Team put on a show to remember at East Kilbride's Alistair McCoist complex to round off a packed tour of North and South Lanarkshire earlier this month.

They also staged workshops for primary and secondary school pupils offering an insight into the creative routines that make their must-see shows so dynamic.

Twice daily events were hosted for schools from across Hamilton and East Kilbride at Holy Cross and Calderglen High Schools.

In partnership with Education Resources and South Lanarkshire Leisure and Culture's Active Schools team, the gymnasts took each group through a unique masterclass.

South Lanarkshire Provost Ian McAllan co-hosted a reception for the team with North Lanarkshire Provost Jean Jones.

He said: "Having performed for more than two million people in 60 countries worldwide, including an

event at the Great Wall of China, this team are masters of their craft. I'm in awe of their commitment and athleticism. What an opportunity this visit has offered our young people.

"Both councils and Leisure Trusts were also keen to learn more and share more with our Danish visitors, working as we are towards a goal that they have already achieved, where sport and activity are not just a diversion or a hobby, but a way of life.

"These young people are an inspiration around the world and the inclusive message they embody is a lesson to us all. It is testament in fact that anything is possible with hard work and commitment."



AMAZING: Emma and Eva from Calderglen High School with Danish Gymnasts Mette Berthelsen Nielsen and Joakim Vilhemsen

SPORTS CENTRE NAMED IN HONOUR OF GERS LEGEND

A SPORTS and community centre in Forth has been renamed in honour of Rangers legend Willie Waddell.

The Forth Sports and Community Centre is now The Willie Waddell Sports and Community Centre, with another light blue legend John Greig guest of honour at the recent renaming ceremony.

A large turnout from the local

community gathered for the occasion, with the centre now named after one of the town's most famous sons.

Following consultation with the community, the Willie Waddell Memorial Committee sought permission from South Lanarkshire Council to change the name of the Sports and Community Centre and to have a memorial

erected within the centre's grounds in recognition of his football achievements.

Willie Waddell was born in Forth in 1921 and after starting out with Forth Wanderers went on to have a long and hugely successful playing career with Rangers.

He won four league titles and two Scottish cups with the Glasgow club, as well as 18 caps for Scotland, scoring six times.

Following retirement from playing in 1955, two years later he went on to manage Kilmarnock, overseeing the club's only top-flight triumph in 1965.

A return to Rangers as manager in 1969 ended up with him being at the helm during one of the Ibrox club's greatest ever triumphs – the 1972 Cup Winners Cup victory.

Waddell later went on to serve Rangers as general manager, vice chairman and director. He passed away in 1992.



HONOUR: Members of the memorial committee with John Greig (centre)

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