

Cumbernauld COMMUNITY PARK



A place for everyone in Cumbernauld

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Late Spring growth on a path among the woods at the foot of the Community Park

Community Events

This year in the run up to **Fun in the Park** we worked with the Cumbernauld College events students, the Cumbernauld News and the Scottish Spina Bifida Association to organise a Talent competition. Westerwood Hotel kindly agreed to host auditions on 20 March with Michelle McManus as our own celebrity judge. The final 13 acts will be provided with a spot on stage on 5 June at **Fun in the Park** and overall winners will be announced on the day. The auditions were a fantastic success. Donations and audition fees of over £600 went to the Scottish Spina Bifida Association.



HAVE YOUR SAY

Visit our website – <http://www.cumbernauldcommunitypark.org.uk>



The Friends of Cumbernauld Community Park are preparing a public Consultation across Cumbernauld to find out how people want the Community Park to develop. We have prepared a brief and sent it out to Consultant and marketing companies in this area of expertise and are working to secure the total funding required for such a major project. Up till now the Friends group, working with North Lanarkshire Council, have made use of funding as it came available to enable the basic path infrastructure and plant up or create wild life sites like the BBC Breathing Place beside the schools. We conducted a successful campaign to persuade the Planners that the Park should be ring-fenced as community space in the Local Plan although we have not yet been able to convince them that the Park should have public buildings to complement and protect any future community developments such as Allotments, Play areas, Skate Park, Cafe, Playing Fields or other amenities which have been suggested for future consideration. We hope you will have your say, attend meetings and reply to questionnaires once the survey starts.

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She's our Icon too.

Constructed on space which was part of the original land set aside for the Community Park Arria has been adopted by the Friends who have permission to use her on our publicity material.



Conservation & Environment



In November last we started our **bulb planting** with the school children from Eastfield Primary, Holy Cross Primary and Nursery Class, Cumbernauld Primary & St Andrew's Primary and helpers from Tesco, Dobbies and Scottish & Southern Energy's community teams. Then the snow came and along with everyone else in Cumbernauld all projects stopped. We have now managed to get in the last of the 5,000 **daffodils**, 2,500 **bluebells** and 2,000 **snowdrops**. Take a walk up the snake path this Spring then up past the school and down into the Park to see the results.

The weather also called a halt to the public **tree planting** day scheduled for 28 November. The ton of compost and bark provided by Dobbies hid under the snow until 8 February when another team from the SSE Call Centre at Hunt Hill and members of the Phoenix Futures charity helped the NLC Conservation officer and some of the Friends group in planting up around 450 small trees or whips donated by the Woodland Trust. The trees are in the area to the south of the schools in what were the top fields of the former Airdriehead Farm. It seems logical to call it Airdriehead Community Woodlands. The trees are spaced wider than the usual commercial planting and are broad leaved native trees in blocks or individuals to resemble the natural generation of a forest. A further 420 trees were provided by the Woodland Trust as part of the RHS scheme this year and we had a public planting day on 27 March. The Keep Scotland Beautiful team also asked us to host their RHS launch day. Our carbon footprint is shrinking. Thanks to all our volunteers, helpers and donors, not forgetting teachers and the North Lanarkshire Council staff we work with.

