The great Christmas clean-up: refuse collection arrangements

The festive holiday means there will be different dates for household rubbish uplifts.

Christmas and New Year mean there will be different dates for collection of your household waste bins and recycling boxes.

To help minimise householders’ excess waste problems, refuse will be picked up from all households during the week before Christmas (from 17 December) and the week after New Year (from 7 January). There will be no waste or kerbside recycling collections on Christmas Day, Boxing Day and on New Year’s Day and 2 January. In addition, it is likely that the green compost bins will not be collected during the four-week period from 17 December to 7 January.

The changes will affect most households so look out for a leaflet being distributed during December for more information.

The recycling centres in Angus will also be closed on Christmas Day, Boxing Day, New Year’s Day and 2 January. The centres are likely to be open on all other days for recycling and the disposal of bulky items.

All requests for the special collection of bulky items received during the period from 24 December until 4 January are likely to be rescheduled to after 7 January. The collection service for commercial premises will be limited for the two-week holiday period, but leaflets outlining the changes will be provided to those concerned.

For more information on the refuse collections over the festive period is also available from ACCESSline on 08452 777 778.

After Christmas:

Don’t put your Christmas cards in the recycled paper bin, as it is not readily recycled. This should go in with ordinary waste.

Take your Christmas tree to the nearest recycling centre, rather than putting it in the green waste bin. Only as a last resort should you put it out with your general waste.

In this festive mood...

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The colourful displays across Angus cost in the region of £150,000.

The displays include eight 10-metre high trees.

There are 202 features mounted on street lighting columns.

There are 47 cross-street features.

There are 22 wall-mounted features.

There are 32 mounted mini trees.

There is more than 1800 metres of festoon lighting, with 3281 individual lights!
Angus Ambassador Awards 2007

Angus people are rightly proud of their county – and none so more than the finalists in our annual awards which recognise their efforts to promote our beautiful area.

Aspiring Youth Award
Winner: David Wilton

Cultural Ambassador
Creative Angus Award sponsored by GlaxoSmithKline
Winner: Christine Kydd

Entrepreneurial Angus Award sponsored by Thortons Solicitors
Winner: Nigel Jelks of Kirriemuir

Engagement with The Open

• The enthusiasm and ambition of the community committee – members of the six Carnoustie golf clubs – received this ultimate accolade, sponsored by Blackadders Solicitors, at a glittering awards dinner on 27 November, presided over by Andrea Brymer of STV’s North Tonight news programme.

• The winner of the Ambassador of the Year is the Carnoustie Golf Links Management Committee, whose dedicated stewardship ensured that the Carnoustie Championship earned its place as one of the world’s top golf courses.

• The other 2007 Angus Ambassador Award winners are:
  - Creative Angus Award: sponsored by GlaxoSmithKline
  - Entrepreneurial Angus Award: sponsored by Thortons Solicitors
  - Aspiring Youth Award: sponsored by Piperdam Golf & Leisure Resort
  - Engagement with The Open: sponsored by Blackadders Solicitors

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Carnoustie is on a par with the world’s best courses

Few people would argue that this year’s Open Golf Championship at Carnoustie was the most exciting for years. The event itself provided a huge economic boost of more than £20 million pumped into the economy, but the big prize is the global spotlight on our corner of Scotland that will bring golfers to Angus, year in, year out. And thousands of fans who attended – almost half of them from outside Scotland – have already registered an interest in returning to Tayside thanks to the efforts of council employees who staffed the council’s Carnoustie Country pavilion in The Open’s tented village. Runners installed throughout Carnoustie at Open time made sure that visitors were in no doubt they were in one of Scotland’s most beautiful locations, and material, literature and postcards all underlined Carnoustie Country’s wealth of quality tourist attractions and the warm welcome that visiting golfers will enjoy. But it was the championship itself that provided the most potent advertisement for Angus. The four-hole sudden-death playoff between winner Padraig Harrington and tournament leader Sergio Garcia produced a nail-biting finish for golf fans watching the final live – and millions more looking in on TV across the globe. The Open once again proved Carnoustie’s credentials as one of the world’s great golf courses. It’s estimated that 154,000 visitors attended the event to see the world’s greatest golfers compete for the sport’s ultimate prize. Martin Kippax, chair of The Royal & Ancient (R&A) Golf Club’s championship committee, called it “the best prepared venue he had ever seen”. And its success has earned Carnoustie another prestigious event in three years’ time. David Hill, R&A director of championships, said: “For many years we have enjoyed a very strong relationship with Carnoustie. We are thrilled that we will be taking the Senior Open Championship to this excellent venue in 2010.”

David Valentine, Angus Council’s head of economic development, said the benefits of staging The Open will be felt for years to come. The council’s website www.angus.gov.uk received more than two million hits in the run-up to the championship, while some 2,500 people registered for more information about golfing packages and thousands more took away booklets about the region and its many attractions. David added: “Thanks to the tremendous efforts of the Carnoustie Golf Links Management Committee, the R&A commented very favourably on Carnoustie’s staging of The Open. We are delighted that the R&A have praised the quality of the course and the performance of Carnoustie as a Championship venue.”

“Since this year will crown a generation decision to bring the Seniors Open to Carnoustie in 2010. For these reasons, we will be happy to have The Open back at Carnoustie within the decade.” While we wait for that to happen, Angus Council’s Carnoustie Country website, www.carnoustiecountry.com, continues to promote the area’s 32 golf courses, products and special deals.

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David Valentine, head of economic development, Angus Council

An innovation in education

Providing an education for those children and young people who are the most challenging and difficult to reach is a goal being met in Angus and across the world thanks to one of the county’s most famous sons. The approach, which has had a global impact, had its genesis in Kingsmuir more than a century ago and today that same location continues to engage with hard-to-reach learners. Born in 1883, the young Alexander Sutherland Neill enrolled at Kingsmuir School where his father was the dominie of the one-room, free-class school. Despite the fact that he not only completed his education there but also worked as a pupil-teacher for his father, he objected to the strict regime and was determined to establish a school where the happiness of the child would be paramount. The school famously founded by AS Neill was Summerhill and the story of the school became an international best-seller. It promoted a liberal approach to education where all lessons were optional and school rules were agreed by staff and pupils with equal voting rights. Paul Meighan, Angus Education principal officer additional support needs, explained how the thinking of AS Neill has relevance today: “While the more radical aspects of this philosophy may be hard to discern in modern educational practice, Neill’s vision of education being child-centred is firmly established in all our schools.”

Today, the Kingsmuir Primary School building is no longer a school in the usual sense. Instead, it houses the COMPASS project for up to six pupils from third and fourth year secondary school for whom a more flexible form of education is more suited to their needs than can be provided by the secondary schools they previously attended. While a curriculum is still provided, it takes quite a different form from that found in secondary school. The day starts with breakfast when the staff of a teacher, social worker and support for learning assistant catch up with the news from their young charges and talk through the day ahead. While a range of subjects are taught and a variety of information and communications technology is used, there are other aspects which focus specifically on developing their personal and social skills. A wide range of outdoor education from high ropes to canoeing and skiing is provided through the community learning and development service, work experience is carried out in a number of local businesses and strong links with Angus College and Careers Scotland ensure the young people are well supported as they move into adult life.

Paul added: “These efforts to go beyond what secondary schools can achieve in tailoring an educational provision to the needs, aptitudes and interests of our most challenging young people would surely meet with the approval of the radical thinker and innovator who himself was educated under that same roof.”

AS Neill in celebratory mood

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Keeping Angus on the move

Scottish winters can be harsh but our extensive programme of gritting and snow clearance will ensure pedestrians and motorists can travel safely.

This year, the roads winter service in Angus has been extended to improve access to rural communities during the winter period.

High land routes in the glens will now be covered in the early morning at weekends, as well as during the week in advance of the school buses.

In a further boost to the service in rural areas, Glen Moy, Glen Quiech and Glen Ogil have been added to the list of auxiliary gritting routes, previously having been treated as non-priority routes.

These changes will improve access for both residents and visitors – an important factor in the sustainability of fragile glens communities.

This year, the council anticipates spending about £2.6 million to help keep the county moving when bad weather strikes.

Across Angus, the council operates a priority system for the treatment of carriageways and footways to make best use of resources.

With 1100 miles of road in Angus, it would be unrealistic to attempt to treat all roads and footpaths at all times and priority is given to treating an agreed network of routes.

These include important bus and commuter routes, roads serving hospitals, ambulance and fire stations, shopping centres, schools and major industrial centres.

These priority routes are given a higher level of service and priority over other non-priority roads.

In the same way, footways are classed as priority or non-priority, taking into account the level of pedestrian use.

Priority routes are:

- given extended winter maintenance coverage
- treated before non-priority routes
- kept open or opened in preference to non-priority routes during prolonged snow conditions.

Non-priority routes are:

- treated after priority routes are completed
- only dealt with after priority/auxiliary routes have been satisfactorily cleared during prolonged snow conditions.

Auxiliary routes are:

- generally at a higher altitude than the rest of the network
- more prone to icing
- more lightly trafficked than priority routes.

Footways

Adopted footways are categorised into priority and non-priority routes. Priority footways are main thoroughfares in towns and larger villages.

Other footways are treated on completion of priority routes. Priority footway routes vary between weekdays and weekends due to different patterns of usage.

Salting

Using information from a network of roadside weather stations, forecasts are provided across the council road network.

When there is a risk of frost or ice on roads or when snow is forecast, precautionary salting is carried out on priority routes.

The salt helps prevent ice forming and snow from accumulating by lowering the freezing point on the surface. Where temperatures fall below -5ºC, however, the salt is less effective and even treated routes can still be prone to icing. Drivers are urged to take extra care during severe weather.

Trunk roads are the responsibility of the Scottish Government and the A92 in Angus is managed by BEAR Scotland Ltd on its behalf. The A92 between Dundee and Arbroath is also operated by BEAR on behalf of both Angus Council and Dundee City Council.

Both roads receive 24-hour cover.

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Auxiliary footways are those that have a special four-page supplement setting out the actions that will be taken in 2008/2009 to address these goals. Then in June, Putting You First, the annual publication in which the council reports on its performance, will let you know what has been achieved this year.

ANGUS Council’s vision for the county is that it will be a place where a first-class quality of life can be enjoyed in vibrant towns and pleasant villages, set in attractive countryside. The area will be dynamic and outward looking, contributing to the culture, environment and economy of Scotland.

The challenge for the council and its partners is how to turn that vision into a reality.

Since the May election, the council has been considering what its priorities are and it has now agreed a five-year plan to tackle them. You can view the corporate plan by visiting www.angus.gov.uk/corporateplan.

The spring edition of Angus Life will have a special four-page supplement setting out the actions that will be taken in 2008/2009 to address these goals. Then in June, ‘Putting You First’, the annual publication in which the council reports on its performance, will let you know what has been achieved this year.

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ANGUS on the move

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Your community at a glance

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Visitors to www.angus.gov.uk/maps can view maps of the county and the surrounding area, move around and zoom into specific places of interest.

Different types of information can be superimposed on the map and details of council-run resources and local boundaries can be viewed.

Searches for specific locations by postcode, street, village and town can also be undertaken and once a property is selected, a summary of local facilities can be viewed.

As you zoom in from the towns view, you will see a greater level of detail until you can view streets and properties.

Other features can be added on top of the geographic view including:

- community council boundaries
- Angus wards and polling districts
- locations of recycling facilities, and bin collection days by area
- locations of ACCESS offices
- leisure facilities, halls, museums and theatres.

Planning for a bright future

An Anglic Life is managed by BEAR Scotland Ltd on its behalf. The A90 between Dundee and Arbroath is also operated by BEAR on behalf of both Angus Council and Dundee City Council. Both roads receive 24-hour cover.

On local roads in Angus, the roads and footways will be covered during the following times:

- Non-priority routes and footpaths
- Non-priority roads
- Priority roads
- Auxiliary routes
- Priority footways
- Non-priority footways
- Non-priority footpath

More information on winter maintenance services is available by calling ACCESSLine on 08452 777 778, or via the council’s website at www.angus.gov.uk/wintermaintenance
CASE STUDY

Harriet has a mild learning disability. She lives independently with some support to help her maintain her tenancy. She recently reported lack of support from neighbours about disturbances and rubbish left on her property. Harriet’s social worker looked into the matter and discovered that Harriet’s “friends” had been asking her for money and that the house had been broken into. Harriet has been referred to the police, who took appropriate action.

A multi-agency Adult Protection Committee has been established to develop policy, oversee practice issues and ensure effective training is made available to all staff engaged in responding to the needs of adults at risk. Membership includes police, housing, Social Work and Health, the Community Health Partnership, voluntary agencies and GPs. The committee has produced an annual report for this year. Reporting on the work undertaken to prepare for implementation of the Act and highlight some of the issues faced by the services.

Tim Armstrong, Social Work and Health senior manager and chair of the committee, said: “With increasing numbers of people with disabilities, increased prevalence of people with mental health problems and a higher population of older adults, the number of people at risk of exploitation and neglect is much greater than ever before. “This poses challenges for the statutory and voluntary sector in meeting needs within limited resources. A key element in meeting these demands lies in productive partnership working. The legislation provides a statutory basis for closer organisational links and the committee is striving to make this partnership dynamic and effective in meeting the needs of vulnerable groups in Angus.”

The legislation contains particular powers and duties to help deal with incidents or suspicions of abuse. These include:
- to make enquiries where a vulnerable adult over 16 may be at risk of harm
- to assess a vulnerable adult at risk, including the possibility of medical examination where appropriate
- to temporarily remove a vulnerable adult from a particular situation to allow for assessment or protection
- to remove or ban a person who is abusing a vulnerable adult or otherwise putting him/her at risk
- to gain entry to premises where a vulnerable adult may be at risk

A spokesman for Help the Aged said: “Elder abuse is a hidden taboo for too long. These latest figures paint an alarming picture of the way we treat our nearest and dearest in a supposedly civilised 21st century society.”

Shine a light on abuse

Adults may be at risk of harm because they are affected by disability, illness or physical or mental infirmity and are unable to safeguard themselves. The nature of adult abuse and neglect is often unseen or hidden, but types of abuse may include physical, psychological, sexual, financial or neglect. This abuse may originate with family or carers, friends or neighbours, or even establishments and organisations which are meant to be providing care and support. If you have concerns about a neighbour, relative or friend whom you think may be being abused, you should contact Social Work and Health through ACCESSLine on 08452 777 778, or contact the police directly if you believe a crime is being or has been committed.

A taboo for too long...

A STUDY funded by the Government and Comic Relief, which was published in 2007, suggests that:
- in 8 out of 10 cases, the abuser is someone well known to the elderly person
- a quarter of cases involved money being stolen from the victim
- almost 350,000 older people may have been victims of abuse, ranging from financial fraud to emotional abuse and assault
- more than half those abused had been harmed by someone living with them.

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Much is being done to protect vulnerable adults in Angus from exploitation and abuse, and new legislation is set to help even more.
Brechin’s partnership...

The heart of this historic area is set for a new lease of life as a major project gets under way to restore and bring back into use some of the burgh’s notable buildings.

The City of Brechin Townscape Heritage Initiative (THI) is a five-year programme of heritage-led regeneration. The THI concept was set up by the Heritage Lottery Trust and is a UK-wide scheme, aimed at regenerating historic areas.

In Brechin, a successful THI in Arbroath was recently completed, with buildings such as the Webster Theatre being upgraded and the old sash window store in the harbour being converted into workshops and offices.

In Brechin, a budget of nearly £3.4 million has been allocated for the project, with funding provided by three main partners: Angus Council (£1.1m), Heritage Lottery Fund (£0.9m) and Historic Scotland (£0.4m). The THI focuses on bringing several historic buildings in the centre of Brechin back into use by allowing granting aid to owners. The buildings are all in the centre of Brechin and are either causing blight or are in need of repairs or re-use. Most of the budget will be targeted on these buildings, but there is also some funding for upgrading public areas such as the closes and for training in traditional skills.

A dedicated project manager, based in the former Registrars’ office, will be appointed to oversee the project and work with the local community.

Public participation is an essential part of THIs and there have been a number of public meetings to keep local people informed of the proposals.

This vital element of the project will continue as work progresses with a partnership support group set up to be involved in discussing projects.

The first strand of the project is likely to be the extension of the Brechin Town House Museum. Other projects include the restoration of the Category A listed building in the High Street known as The Merchant’s House and a group of early 19th century buildings opposite the Town House Museum that are in a poor condition.

Angus Council’s conservation officer Paul Mitchell said: “The experience gained from the successful THI in Arbroath will be brought to bear in shaping the direction of the City of Brechin THI, particularly the need to work closely with property owners.

“The focus of the Brechin THI will be a group of early 19th century buildings opposite the Town House. These buildings were probably built during the period of prosperity in Brechin that developed from the expansion of the linen trade.

“The Town House dates from the late 18th century and it too probably reflects the economic prosperity of Brechin during that period. The Town House introduces neo-classical architecture into Brechin.

“Most buildings in the burgh were quite plain up until the late 18th century, with notable exceptions such as the Gothic-style Cathedral.

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“The December meeting of the partnership will focus on the identification of partnership priorities.

To find out more about the partnership, please contact Elaine McLennan, community planning officer on 01307 476136 or email mcleode@angus.gov.uk

Further information can also be found on the community planning website at www.angus.org.uk

Arbroath’s partnership...

ABROATH and Area Partnership recently heard that an application to make changes to an existing charity in the area had been accepted by the Office of the Scottish Charity Regulator.

This charity will initially take forward the community cinema proposal, but will work on various projects for the benefit of the town.

The partnership has a timetable of events for Tartan Week 2008 in place and is also working on a proposal for a major parade of events next summer.

The partnership is finalising the tourism leaflet and hopes to have it printed early next year.

The partnership is considering putting together an events calendar for the town and other burghs, to allow for more strategic planning of events in the future.

Merchant’s House

The house at 68-72 High Street, Brechin was probably intended for someone of high status and it holds a secret. The trees from which the timbers for the roof structure are constructed were felled in the late 1400s, although the building itself probably dates to the 1600s. A specialist technique known as “dendrochronological dating” was used to accurately date the timbers.

The roof structure is a very rare type known as “hathar post”, very few examples of which are left in Scottish domestic buildings.

The roof tusses, or cupails, bear Roman numerals so the carpenters could identify which timbers belong to which roof truss, although they appear to have been taken apart at some date and reassembled in different positions.

Brechin Town House Museum

The old Town House, pictured left, in the centre of Brechin is now home to the burgh’s museums.

A Tetley museum was first on this site in 1450, but was replaced in 1789-90 by the present building. Then, the ground floor had a shop, a court and debtors’ prison and two cells. An upper hall was used as the council chamber.

By the end of the 19th century, it was too small for council business and the burgh’s administrative functions were moved to new municipal buildings in Bank Street. The Brechin Museum Collection was first gathered together by Brechin Town Council, and in 1846 was based in the Mechanics Institute. The collection relocated to Brechin Library in 1876 and since 2003 has been in the ground floor of the present building.

Under the THI, the upper floors of the Town House will be restored and brought into use as exhibition space and for events.
**Forfar and Area**

**THE Forfar and Area Partnership has been discussing community to existing priorities and how its work is to be taken forward. Following the resignation of the current chairperson, the Forfar and Area Partnership is currently looking for a new chairperson to cover the position until the next AGM on 8 April 2008. To find out more about the partnership, please contact Siobhan Fagan, community planning officer on 01307 476107 or email fagans@angus.gov.uk. Further information can also be found on the community planning website at www.angus.org.uk.**

**Montrose**

**AMONG the topics which have been discussed by the Montrose Area Partnership are beach erosion and the realignment of the golf course. Discussion has also centred on the various partnership projects of: ■ Fair trade ■ mermaid lamp standards ■ newsletter ■ calendars ■ music festival ■ Montrose Week 2008. To find out more about the partnership, please contact Elaine McLeod, community planning officer on 01307 476106 or email mcleode@angus.gov.uk. Further information can also be found on the community planning website at www.angus.org.uk.**

**Angus Restorative Youth Justice Service.**

“Tenants, in particular, don’t really realise how much of an impact they have on the decision-making of the council or another landlord on the improvement of their housing,” explained community participation assistant Claire Warrender. RTOs, short-term working or focus groups, steering groups and email panel have given people a chance to have their say on improving housing managed by Angus Council. For example, tenants have been involved in reviewing the council’s letting standards, the procedures for dealing with antisocial behaviour complaints and setting rent reviews. Registered tenant organisations are also giving residents, including owner-occupiers, a chance to directly improve their areas and foster a community spirit. The Association of Residents of Clifton and Hayhead, for example, united locals to raise money for a new children’s park – £266,000 worth (see panel). Strathallie Neighbourhood Association, also in Arbroath, aims to do the same. But getting involved in these groups gives people a chance to improve not only their areas, but also their personal circumstances. “Tenants can get a lot of self-satisfaction, develop new skills and build their confidence as a result of getting involved and it could even lead on to other volunteering opportunities,” said Claire. Under the Housing (Scotland) Act 2003, tenants have a right to be consulted on issues such as the management and maintenance of their homes, complaints procedures and rent reviews. In addition to the groups it works with, the council organises the annual Tenant Conference and has developed a plan to encourage greater community participation in housing – the Tenant Participation Strategy. For more information, contact 01307 477140 or enquire at your local ACCESS Office.

**Kirriemuir and The Glens**

**AT its meeting in November, the Kirriemuir and The Glens Partnership heard an update from Angus Council’s senior education manager on the future use of the old Southmuir Primary School site and plans for the extension of Webster’s High School. The local community in Cliffburn worked together to raise funds for a well-equipped new playpark on 01307 476058 or email equalities@angus.gov.uk. Further information can also be found on the community planning website at www.angus.org.uk.**

**Better housing and nicer communities to live in – that’s what many residents in Angus are striving towards, and you could join them in their mission. The council is urging residents to get involved and work with the authority to improve housing services, their areas and homes. Participation could be as little as responding to a survey, or as involved as setting up or joining a group, such as a Registered Tenant Organisation (RTO), to help improve their lives. “Tenants, in particular, don’t really realise how much of an impact they have on the decision-making of the council or another landlord on the improvement of their housing,” explained community participation assistant Claire Warrender. RTOs, short-term working or focus groups, steering groups and email panel have given people a chance to have their say on improving housing managed by Angus Council. For example, tenants have been involved in reviewing the council’s letting standards, the procedures for dealing with antisocial behaviour complaints and setting rent reviews. Registered tenant organisations are also giving residents, including owner-occupiers, a chance to directly improve their areas and foster a community spirit. The Association of Residents of Clifton and Hayhead, for example, united locals to raise money for a new children’s park – £266,000 worth (see panel). Strathallie Neighbourhood Association, also in Arbroath, aims to do the same. But getting involved in these groups gives people a chance to improve not only their areas, but also their personal circumstances. “Tenants can get a lot of self-satisfaction, develop new skills and build their confidence as a result of getting involved and it could even lead on to other volunteering opportunities,” said Claire. Under the Housing (Scotland) Act 2003, tenants have a right to be consulted on issues such as the management and maintenance of their homes, complaints procedures and rent reviews. In addition to the groups it works with, the council organises the annual Tenant Conference and has developed a plan to encourage greater community participation in housing – the Tenant Participation Strategy. For more information, contact 01307 477140 or enquire at your local ACCESS Office.**

**Focusing on the environment**

**AT its recent meetings, the Montīflied Area Partnership has been discussing an update on the Montīflied Environmental Improvement Group and the top priorities for the partnership. The group has also heard a presentation on the work of the Angus Restorative Youth Justice Service. To find out more about the partnership, please contact Beverley Gibb, community planning officer on 01307 477140 or email gibbon@angus.gov.uk. Further information can also be found on the community planning website at www.angus.org.uk.**

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**Equality for all in Angus**

**CELEBRATING the diversity of our community, promoting equality and tackling discrimination: these are the key aims of Angus Council’s equalities team. This year was designated the European Year of Equal Opportunities for All and in Angus the team has been working hard to get different voices heard. This included participating in a Highly successful Threads of Tartan event in March, celebrating different cultures. Now the team wants to hear from any individual or organisation in Angus who would like to get involved in the council’s equalities work. “We are looking for anyone from the community who has an interest in equality issues, who may be supporting people of all different ages, cultures and physical abilities to contact us,” said equalities officer Rachel Green. “We hope to be able to set up an Angus Equality Forum which will help us in the council get our services right for men and women with different needs.” If you would like any further information, please contact the equalities team on 01307 477140 or email equalities@angus.gov.uk.**
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